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A chicken pie for the holiday

40 Harrow's Chicken Pies were passed out to a few lucky Wilmington seniors for Thanksgiving. Director of Elderly Services Terri Marciello and Case manager Laura Pickett give out the treats. (photos: BruceHilliard.com)

Superintendent's report and school reopening update

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Superintendent's Report last Wednesday night at the School Committee meeting began with an update from Wilmington Board of Health Director Shelly Newhouse. Newhouse reported that the town has seen a 3.6 percent COVID-19 positivity rate over the previous week, with 84 positives and more than 200 in quarantine at the time. Newhouse said most of the town's cases are spreading through small household gatherings. She urged people to follow the state's travel order and guidance on meeting in person with Thanksgiving coming up. Director of Nursing Services Doreen Crowe pointed out that there

haven't been any known transmissions of COVID-19 in schools at all. She said she's proud of the commitment that the WPS community has shown in washing hands, social distancing, and wearing masks. Affirming the effectiveness of following protocols in schools, Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand also shared that there were three cases requiring students and staff to quarantine as of that day. Brand went on to discuss the state's opinion on in-person learning, wherein Governor Charlie Baker expressed a preference for in-person learning with evidence that less than six feet of distancing is safe. The superintendent mentioned that many classrooms don't allow full capacity for in-person learning at

a three-foot distance. M. J. Byrnes commented that it seems to be contradicting the 10-person limit per house also issued from the governor to say that all students should be receiving in-person instruction, especially with the increasing of cases. The last part of the report was for Brand to announce that he's reviving the School Start Time Committee. He said the committee, which began last year to examine, evaluate, and re-search school start times, was doing good work before the shut down. "I have called a meeting before winter break and asked people to familiarize themselves with the work that they were doing," he continued.

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Students argue for and against snow days

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee received the results of the Snow Day Survey, public comment, and the MASC Conference's resolutions at their meeting last Wednesday night. They opened the meeting by welcoming two Wilmington High School students, Neda Stoeva and Ava DeOliveira, to read their Snow Day Letters. This was an assignment that they completed for Ms. Desberg's Foundations of Writing class, where they were asked to appeal either for snow days to remain snow days or to be turned into remote learning days this year. In Stoeva's letter, she argued to keep snow days, and DeOliveira ar-

gued to replace them with remote instruction days. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand shared the results of the Snow Day survey with the School Committee later on in the meeting. Besides discussing the parent and guardian results, he also said that staff are inclined to have remote instructional days. A few committee members expressed a preference not to choose one way or the other but to leave it up to Brand to decide on the day. Jesse Fennelly asked about considerations for loss of power in specific areas of town. "If there is an issue with power outages, in the essence of equity of access, it would drive the decision for the district as a whole," Brand ex-

plained. Were that to happen, he said he'd be inclined to choose a true snow day, but he imagined that there may be snow days without power outages. David Ragsdale said he'd like to set an expectation of having instructional days unless for whatever reason there's something like a power outage. From there, the motion was made and they unanimously agreed to let the superintendent decide whether each potential snow day would be observed or turned into a remote day. In public comments, four parents shared concerns including eating in the cafeteria, going remote after Thanksgiving, and students in quarantine falling behind in

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Near the Wilmington line

Woburn OKs COVID-19 testing site off Presidential Way

By PATRICK BLAIS

WOBBURN — Thanks to the broad support of city officials, Beth Israel Lahey Health Systems (BILH) will likely within a matter of weeks begin processing patient specimens from a brand new drive-through COVID-19 testing site off of Presidential Way. During the latest gathering of the City Council,

the aldermen voted unanimously and without controversy to sanction BILH's proposal to construct a winter-ready emergency test site within an unused parking lot at a sprawling 14-acre commercial property by the Wilmington line. Eight conditions were placed on the special permit, which was needed for the drive-through use and because the accessory structure contains more than 900 square feet. Some of the more notable stipulations included:

- That the approval is for a temporary arrangement which will lapse one year from the issuance of an occupancy permit;
- The site cannot be used to administer vaccinations;

- The petitioner is required to meet with the police department's traffic bureau to discuss potential traffic concerns;
- and a directional signage plan, showing how motorists will access and exit from the rear testing area, must be filed with Building Commissioner Thomas Quinn's office before operation's begin. According to local attorney Joseph Tarby, representing the hospital and medical care provider, BILH has since 2017 used space within an existing two-story office building for information tech, but all employees are currently working from home due to the pandemic. For that reason, the petitioner contends that traffic

will easily be able to flow in and out of the proposed temp. testing site in a rear parking lot with hundreds of parking spaces. The test building itself, which will comprise a total of 3,000 sq. ft. of space, will reportedly include a pair of trailers for staff breaks and storage needs. Testing will only be offered to those with valid doctor's orders, and the clinic will be opened on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Patients will also be able to get tested over the weekend between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. "Since the pandemic started, all staff has been working remotely and they are not expected to return until sometime in the summer of 2021," the

local lawyer explained. "As we move forward into colder weather, the site will provide some protection from the elements. The drive-through, as you can see, will allow for three lanes and six vehicles to enter the facility and be tested at the same time," Tarby added. First pitching the drive-through clinic last month, BILH officials say the emergency use is needed in order to expand the medical provider's testing capabilities in the face of a second COVID-19 surge. Since first running the proposal by municipal leaders, the state's Department of Public Health (DPH) says the number of statewide COVID-19 cases have reached levels not seen

since the crisis reached a crescendo late last spring. With Mayor Scott Galvin leading efforts to contain the spread of the viral infection within the community — a task that is dependent upon testing and subsequent contact tracing work — members of the City Council considered the Presidential Way proposal as needed. "This is a good thing," said Ward 2 Alderman Richard Gately. "We're in the middle of a pandemic and we're looking for more stations to do testing. This is perfect where it is and won't hurt anybody." "I agree. Let's move forward and get this done tonight," Ward 3 Alderman Jeffrey Dillon later remarked.

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The art and science of remembering everything on December 3

Adult Programs

The Art and Science of Remembering Everything
Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
Join science journalist, U.S.A. Memory Champion, and bestselling author of *Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything*, Joshua Foer for a wide-ranging primer on memory. He will look back to ancient mnemonic techniques, such as the memory palace, and present today's cutting-edge cognitive research on how we remember. In between, he will profile both impressive memorizers and victims of severe amnesia, and offers an inside look at the National Memory Championships.

Fiction Critique Group
Saturday, Dec. 5 at 9:15 a.m.

Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Assistant Director Charlotte Wood at cwood@wilmlibrary.org

Winter Cemetery Stroll
Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m.
Join us for a Cemetery Stroll, starting in the parking lot behind the library! Learn a little local history while strolling one of Wilmington's most interesting

historic locations. Led by Town Curator Terry McDermott.

One on One Virtual Tech Help with Brad

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
If you are having an issue with a piece of technology or have some questions about something before you go out and buy it, register for a one-on-one session with Technology Librarian, Brad McKenna.

Youth Programs

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
This storytime for preschoolers includes books, rhymes, and music. Ages 3-5.

Time for Twos
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
This storytime for two year olds includes books, rhymes, music and movement.

Baby Time
Thursdays at 10 a.m.
This program of songs, rhymes, games and picture books is for babies under the age of two years and their caregivers.

Visiting the WML
You are able to visit the WML without an appointment to browse the first floor, pick up holds, use a computer with a 60 minute limit, and make a copy or use the fax machine. The library is open for these services Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Curbside pickup is still available with new hours: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Appointments are still required to visit the Youth Services Department. All patrons must wear a mask and sanitize their hands upon arriving at the library.

WML Virtual Programming
See our entire calendar of events and register for programs at wilmlibrary.org. You will be emailed a Zoom link prior to the

program.

Pandemic Puzzle Palooza
With COVID-19 keeping more people inside, the interest in jigsaw puzzles has increased. WML is offering the opportunity to donate your gently used puzzle to our second annual Puzzle Palooza and select a new-to-you puzzle! Our "Pandemic" Puzzle Palooza will be a little different this year in order to help maintain safe social distancing.

Donate: Starting Monday, Nov. 30 through Dec. 31, the library will accept donations of gently used puzzles on a cart placed inside the back entryway during open hours (please, no donations in the Book Drop). All puzzles should be in good condition without any missing pieces. Library staff will quarantine all donations for 72 hours.

Pick out your puzzle: Starting Monday, Dec. 7, come into the library during browsing hours Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to pick out a new-to-you puzzle from our display table by the first-floor circulation desk. We will refresh this table with puzzle donations throughout the month of December.

Election a success as Shriners hosts all precincts

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — For this past election, Wilmington utilized Shriners Auditorium as the sole polling place for the first time. Although it is not likely Shriners will be used again, for social distancing will likely not be necessary again during a major election year, the general consensus among voters and election workers was that this year's election process was a success.

"There was plenty of space for voters to social distance, and we had ample workers on staff to guide voters to their precincts," said Town Clerk Christine Conway on this year's procedure at Shriners. "We color coded the precincts so once we knew what precinct a voter was in, we told them what color sign to watch for as an additional aid to get them to the proper place. We had manned golf carts in the parking lot to assist voters to and from the door of the polling location, and inside we had rented motorized scooters and

wheelchairs for those who needed some assistance getting around inside the large venue."

This year, more than 11,400 early and mailed in ballots were cast and processed in Wilmington. Of this, roughly 6,000 were cast in person during the town's early voting period, while the remaining 5,000 were mailed in.

In July, the Massachusetts State Legislature passed Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020 in July 2020, in order to allow for the advanced processing of ballots. This meant that before election day, early and mail in ballots in Wilmington were able to be opened and deposited into the tabulating machines. The preprocessing was completed over the course of three days.

However, this process was utilized primarily to ease the process on election day itself, for results were not allowed to be run prior to 8 p.m. on election day. Consequently, results for advanced processed ballots were complete at roughly the same time as in person votes. The total results

were completed by 9 p.m. on election day.

Reflecting back on this year's election process, Conway credited the collaboration of many town departments as being instrumental in facilitating the town's electoral process this year. In particular, she noted the work of the Recreation Department, the Public Buildings personnel, the DPW, the fire department, the police department, and the Town Manager among others.

She also expressed gratitude towards Wilmington residents that volunteered to serve as election workers, as well as the other staff members in the Town Clerk's office. Through these combined efforts, Conway felt as though the election process was an overall success.

"I do believe we were as efficient and effective as we possibly could have been under the circumstances that presented themselves this year," she said. "The election was safe, secure, fair and accurate. In the end, a clerk can ask for no more."



Middlesex Canal after the rains

(photo:BruceHilliard.com)

Sen. Tarr wins approval for vehicle interlock devices for drunk driving offenders

BOSTON — Unlike all other states, Massachusetts stands alone in the nation by not requiring drivers to use an ignition interlock device after they have been convicted for operating a vehicle under the influence.

Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) successfully championed the adoption of a budget amendment, Strengthening Public Safety Through Interlock Devices, as part of the new Senate state budget. The proposal will authorize the use of interlock devices for first-time offenders.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), a national organization dedicated to ending drunk and drugged driving reports that drunk driving deaths have risen nine percent since 2014 while arrests are down.

"Now is the time to authorize the use of interlock devices for first-time OUI offenders. We have already waited too long to authorize this important tool which can prevent tragedy on our state's roadways. While we can no longer avoid being the last state in the nation to adopt this smart approach to public safety, we still have an obligation to take action now so that we can stem the pain and harm from the senseless loss of life at the hands of a drunk driver that could have been prevented with time-tested and road-tested technology," said Sen. Tarr.

MADD, who named Tarr one of 45 lawmakers nationwide with its Legislator of the Year Award, says that over the past dozen years, interlocks have prevented over 39,000

attempts to drive drunk in Massachusetts.

"We are thankful for this amendment which is a step in the right direction, making Massachusetts the 50th state with a first-time offender interlock law. This legislation gives more options in the judicial system and allows for the use of ignition interlocks to be ordered for first-time offenders," said Mary Kate Depamphilis, New England Region Program Director for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "This option is critical to allow convicted drunk drivers to learn how to drive sober and be part of society while taking drunk drivers off the road. At MADD, this legislation effort has been over a decade in the making, and we are thankful to the lawmakers who have helped push to make this happen, especially Senator Tarr and Representative Whelan."

Tarr told colleagues dur-

ing the debate that allowing convicted drunk driving offenders to use vehicles without ignition interlock devices means that there is a loss in the ability to protect the public from the dangers and harm of preventable crashes.

Proponents of the legislation say that removing a convicted driver's license isn't fully effective because they can still get behind the wheel and put the vehicle on the road. A more effective approach they say, and one with year's worth of federal and state data to back it up, would be to require convicted offenders to install an interlock device that tests the alcohol levels of a driver's breath before the vehicle can be used.

A Conference Committee will now convene to reconcile the differences between the Senate budget and the version passed by the House of Representatives last week.

It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



SOME TAXPAYERS MAY BENEFIT FROM THE CHILD TAX CREDIT FOR OTHER DEPENDENTS

Taxpayers with dependents who don't qualify for the child tax credit may be able to claim the credit for other dependents. The maximum credit amount is \$500 for each dependent who meets certain conditions. These include:

- Dependents who are age 17 or older.
- Dependents who have individual taxpayer identification numbers.
- Dependent parents or other qualifying relatives supported by the taxpayer.
- Dependents living with the taxpayer who aren't related to the taxpayer.

- The credit begins to phase out when the taxpayer's income is more than \$200,000. This phaseout begins for married couples filing a joint tax return at \$400,000.

A taxpayer can claim this credit if:

- They claim the person as a dependent on the taxpayer's return.
- They cannot use the dependent to claim the child tax credit or additional child tax credit.
- The dependent is a U.S. citizen, national or resident alien.

Taxpayers can claim the credit for other dependents in addition to the child and dependent care credit and the earned income credit.

Taxpayers can use the worksheet in Publication 972, Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents. This worksheet will help them determine if they can claim the credit for other dependents.

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Church Fairs continue in the age of COVID

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

(Eds. note: This article is being re-run due to a change in schedule for the St. Williams Church)

For many residents of the Tewksbury area, a sure sign of the beginning of the Christmas season is enjoying an evening with family and friends at the annual Holiday Pie Social hosted at the Tewksbury Congregational Church, followed by a day of shopping at one of the many church fairs that usually take place on the first weekend of December.

Church fairs have been going on longer than I can remember. In fact, church fairs date back to the early Christian era when the church took an active part in sponsoring fairs on important feast days. As this became a regular practice, the sponsoring of fairs became a source of revenue for the church.

It is logical to assume that

the modern day church bazaar is an extension of the religious fairs of ancient times.

This year, due to the ongoing pandemic, many churches have opted out of having this long standing tradition.

However, in the hopes of bringing a touch of normalcy to this very unconventional upcoming holiday season, one local church is offering an alternative shopping experience.

The Tewksbury Congregational Church, located at 10 East St., has long counted on their Christmas Fair to raise a bulk of their annual fundraising.

In recent years, the church also added a Friday night Pie Social to usher in the holiday season and to preview the Christmas Fair for the following morning.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, church members found it impossible to have the annual pie social



▲ Christmas plants and wreaths available to purchase at both the Tewksbury Congregational Church and St. Williams Church.

fundraiser, but members were able to come up with an alternative to the annual Christmas Fair.

The most popular items sold at their annual fair have been the fresh Christmas wreaths and baskets made by a group of church members known as the Holiday Friends.

In order to keep church members and patrons safe, members of the Holiday Friends, led by church member Pat Takach, have organized an "order and pick up" type of sale in place of this year's fair.

Fresh cut Christmas greens will be made into custom decorated baskets and wreaths that can be ordered ahead of time, and be picked up on Dec. 5.

Basket prices are \$15 for small, \$20 for medium, and \$25 for large. Wreaths are \$20 with a bow, or \$30 fully decorated.

"We hated to see the church lose out on their biggest fundraiser of the year," said Takach, "and we also did not want to disappoint the loyal people that buy from us every year."

Members were in agreement that taking orders

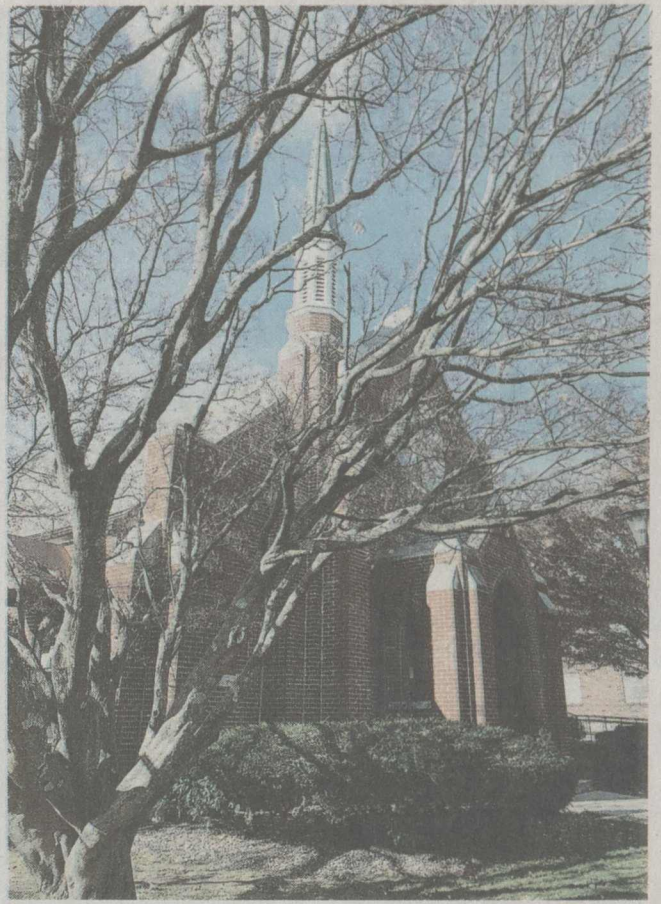
was the safest way to carry on with this annual tradition.

The Holiday Friends will be hard at work creating festive holiday decor to enjoy throughout the upcoming Christmas season. To place an order please call Pat Takach at 978-851-4770. Pickups will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Tewksbury Congregational Church.

The St. Williams Church, located at 1351 Main St., which usually has their Christmas Fair on the same Saturday as the TCC, was hoping to offer an alternative to their annual fair.

The St. Williams Christmas Fair board, led by chairperson Debbie Deputat, tried to come up with a way to still have an "in person" fair while adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.

They had hoped to have visitors be required to register online to control the number of people entering the fair, and only groups of four family members or friends would be able to enter together at one time. However, church members just found out this week they were unable to make this work within the con-



▲ St. Williams Church located at 1351 Main St.

fines of town COVID-19 guidelines.

Items to have been sold at this year's fair were limited to four raffles and the plant sale, which has now been rescheduled for an unspecified date in May of 2021.

Deputat noted, "This is the only annual fundraiser we have, and it took a lot of work by many of the church members to come up with a safe solution to have a Christmas Fair this year. But in the end we decided it was better to be safe than sorry, and wait until we can do this safely outside."

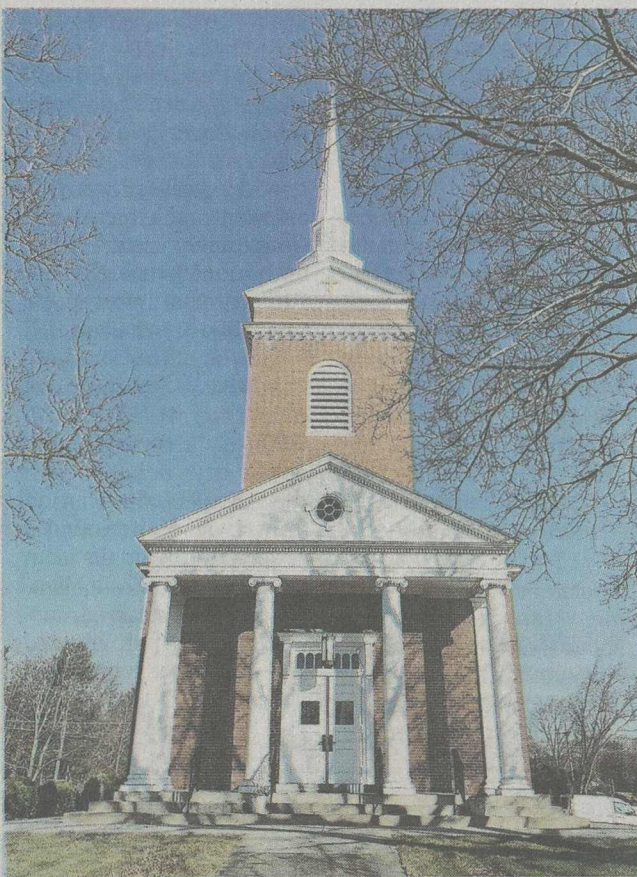
Anyone who has already purchased raffle tickets for one of the four raffles should keep them in a safe place, as they will still be good to use for the raffle in the spring.

There is no question that the 2020 holiday season will not be like other holiday seasons of the past, but with a little planning, and a lot of patients, this can still be the season of goodwill. While we may miss the hustle and bustle of the traditional church Christmas Fair, the message of love and support for our community and neighbors will not go unsaid.

Flu shots available in Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Health Department has flu shots available by appointment at town hall.

Residents are asked to call the town nurse at 978-640-4470 to make an appointment. Egg-free recombinant vaccines, high dose quadrivalent vaccines for those over 65, and regular Flublok vaccines are available. Vaccines will be administered regardless of ability to pay. Insurance cards appreciated.



▲ Tewksbury Congregational Church located at 10 East St. (Heather Burns photos)



Herb Chambers

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HP7025, Auto., Silver, 97K miles

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H200551A, 5 Speed, Gray, 51K miles

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HP70021, Auto., Red, 94K miles

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H201165, Auto., Gray, 33K miles

2017 Honda Civic LX Sedan \$14,898
HP6885, Auto., Modern Steel, 19K miles

2017 Honda Civic LX Sedan \$14,998
H201184, Auto., Modern Steel, 35K miles

2017 Honda Accord LX Sedan \$14,998
HP6857, Auto., Silver, 43K miles

2017 Honda Civic LX Sedan \$15,698
H201169, Auto., Modern Steel, 28K miles

2017 Honda Fit EX Hatchback \$15,698
HP6996, Auto., Modern Steel, 17K miles

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H200800, Auto., Silver, 29K miles

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H201018, Auto., Aegean Blue, 8K miles

2017 Honda Civic LX Sedan \$15,998
HP09975, Auto., Lunar Silver, 8K miles

2017 Honda Accord LX Sedan \$16,298
H201248, Auto., Silver, 30K miles

2012 Honda Pilot EX-L \$16,698
H210127, Auto., Dark Cherry, 84K miles

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H201219, Auto., Silver, 15K miles

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H200884, Auto., Silver, 27K miles

2017 Honda Civic LX Sedan \$16,998
HP7024, Auto., Modern Steel, 5K miles

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H200985, Auto., Silver, 13K miles

2018 Hyundai Sonata SEL Sedan \$16,998
H201029, Auto., Phantom Black, 12K miles

2017 Honda Accord Sport Sedan \$16,998
H200735, Auto., Black, 33K miles

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H201030, Auto., White, 33K miles

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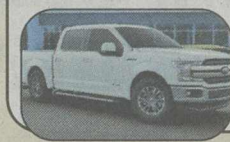


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H201126, Auto., Modern Steel, 39K miles

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2017 Toyota Rav XLE AWD \$20,998
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2019 Kia Sorento LX AWD \$21,998
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2016 Honda Odyssey EX-L \$24,498
H2010701, Auto., Modern Steel, 36K miles

2019 Honda CRV LX AWD \$24,698
HP7000, Auto., Obsidian Blue, 15K miles

2018 Honda CRV EX AWD \$25,498
H200851, Auto., Gunmetal Metallic, 30K miles

2019 Honda CRV EX AWD \$26,898
H201215, Auto., Modern Steel, 17K miles

2018 Toyota Rav 4 SE AWD \$26,998
H201058, Auto., Silver, 15K miles

2019 Honda Odyssey EX \$28,998
H210018, Auto., Modern Steel, 14K miles

2019 Toyota Highlander LE \$28,998
H2100980, Auto., Gray, 26K miles

2019 Honda Passport Sport \$30,498
H210069, Auto., White, 37K miles Orig. \$46,700!!

2017 Honda Pilot EX-L \$30,498
H210016, Auto., Lunar Silver, 33K miles

2018 Acura TLX SH AWD Advance \$30,898
H201198, Auto., White, 37K miles Orig. \$46,700!!

2017 Honda Pilot EX-L \$30,998
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Letters to the editor

Clergy come together for a Thanksgiving message

To the editor,
The Clergy of Wilmington realize that we should not hold the annual Thanksgiving service this year due to the pandemic. We are sorry to miss this opportunity to gather to offer our expressions of gratitude. We could not gather last Easter, and in all likelihood, we will not be able to do so for Easter in 2021.

While we cannot safely gather "in-person," we offer this message as a poor substitute for seeing each other's faces and raising our prayers to God.

While each of our congregations inhabits different parts of the body of Christ and expresses our faith in diverse ways, we do strongly affirm our relationship with each other. We agree that we love God, hold each other in high regard, and seek the collective well-being of all who live within our communities.

As clergy, we are grateful to the many whose leadership, service, and dedication contribute to our common good. We appreciate the educators who teach under enormous stress. We understand the first responders who have had too many occasions to offer their services. We affirm law enforcement and are aware of the untold risks taken for our safety. We af-

firm the civil servants who do their jobs with dignity, often behind the scenes and without recognition. You are professional, and we are grateful.

Our shared gratitude extends to the many volunteers who give countless hours to enrich our community: scout leaders, organizers of food pantries, book group leaders, poll workers, and members of civic organizations. You are the heart and soul of our communities, and we are grateful.

We are a diverse community. We are Catholic, we are mainline protestant, we are evangelical, we are Jewish, we are many different traditions, and we are no particular religion. And whatever else we may be, we are grateful!

We wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving.

Pastor Ron Grimley,
Senior Pastor,
Abundant Life Church
of Wilmington
Reverend Chris Fisk,
Rector, St. Elizabeth's
Episcopal Church
Deacon Tom Griffin,
Parish of the
Transfiguration
Reverend Peter Hey,
Senior Pastor, Wilmington
United Methodist Church
Reverend Tom VanAntwerp,
Wilmington Campus
Pastor, Grace Chapel

Wilmington Women's Club closing its doors

To the editor,
After 119 years, the Wilmington Women's Club is closing its portals.

In 1901, a group of women formed a club with its objective to be: to establish a recognized center for the promotion of the intellectual and social life of its members and foster public spirit in the community.

This motto has been followed through the 119 years.

Looking back, the club has been either physically or financially active in most projects which have bettered this town; from awarding a yearly scholarship to a female student from Wilmington High

School and giving the same award to a female student from Wilmington to Shawsheen Technical High School, and during the 60s, selling WWII savings bonds and conducting paper drives.

Many years have passed and the giving and doing are done. The club has been a huge presence in this town.

So as the remaining members of WWC are dotting the I's and crossing the T's, they are saying farewell to the club of Wilmington, a town and people we loved.

Claire Burns
Treasurer

By PAUL J. ANDREWS
andrews@massupt.org
Mass. Ass'n. of School
Superintendents
Member of Board of
Winchester Hospital

The happenings locally in the *Town Crier* land this week have focused on the high level of COVID-19 testing going on as the word is out that we will hopefully see vaccines being approved shortly for distribution. Meanwhile, local folks are staying tuned to the block in the transition process in DC, as the normal coordination of out-going and incoming administrations has not come together to coordinate on-going needs, leaving great concerns just as the United States is facing the highest COVID-19 levels during the pandemic.

The Washington Story

I am not sure how you write this story as it is still unfolding on Pennsylvania Avenue in a beautiful old house, set in the middle of the District of Columbia which is the normal seat of government for the United States.

This week opens with some clouds over the property as indecision still fills the air. The networks and state leaders agree that former Vice President Joseph Biden has been elected as the new president while the former

President-elect Biden plans ahead in the face of challenges by President Trump

president verbally contests this and claims he won or at the very least contests the decisions in several states. Meanwhile court filings of contested questions have been rejected in the courts.

This column is not to contest the questions as that seems to be happening through honest answers to individual state election issues, as members of the legal profession render their decisions to local state officials according to national press reports.

What today is for me most important manifests itself in the launching by the President-Elect of a Pandemic Task Force by a selected group of medical experts to look at ways to curb the escalation of COVID-19 in the United States population. This singular task is so huge that the words leap off the page.

As we go forward, we will look into the happenings of Washington and the developments in the crucial weeks ahead through the transition as we already see so many changes with the General Services Administration yet to open the transition process to the President-Elect.

Electric election climate

First, I have a rave to mention in regard to our "election climate" and

words of praise to the media for working between the president-elect and current president and their staff to present the happenings of election week, including the tension that was generated with the ballot counting in the various states.

The reporters and camera crews did an incredible job to get an explanation of the status of the counting that was complex to say the least. These professionals brought a lucid candor to the status of the numbers, very carefully articulating where the votes were still to come in to be counted, along with some history of the area or district.

What I found interesting and rarely heard before in such a situation was the number of reporters across the networks who made it a point to caution the listeners on the need for added information before drawing any conclusions, as there was an understanding on how some could make snap judgments on what they heard. That cautioning voice was there, which was good.

Some added morning pulse

Notes include the following: Many feel anxious about their retirement savings amid the pandemic; Europe could be facing a double-dip recession; In

the US, city rents are falling and suburban rents are climbing; Housing boom coming; The boom in US GDP does not match what's happening to American wallets; Brain imaging links cardiovascular health to multitasking ability; More than half of Americans would use virtual care; The Army intends to revolutionize tanks with artificial intelligence; A flat tax scheme is luring the wealthy to Italy; Climate-conscious venture capitalists are back; Central banks sell gold for first time in decade as virus bites; Study highlights link between depressive symptoms and stroke; Over half of the patients worried about out-of-pocket healthcare costs; Manhattan Beach City Council weighs \$91.5 million bond to pay retirement costs; GDP numbers show economy recovering from devastating pandemic losses; Consumer confidence felt on back of housing boom; FBI warns of more major ransomware cyber needed for US healthcare system; Pandemic has Americans rethinking retirement; Silver lining: American households are doing better than expected; Florida draws wave of younger settlers as tax pitfalls loom in their prior State; Employees are stressed caring for aging parents; and Life insurance claims up due to COVID-19.

RJ Tremezzo helps out family in need

To the editor
2020 has been a tough year. COVID-19 has negatively impacted many lives. Stress levels are higher, our community has endured loss of jobs, school closures, lack of social interactions, and sadly even deaths. It's been difficult to find positivity in these times, therefore I wanted to share my story.

I posted on the Community FB page asking for recommendations for servicing an Arcade Claw Machine game. The game is my son's prized possession and it had broken. I explained my son has Autism and that "waiting" can be very hard for him to understand.

RJ Tremezzo of Tremezzo's commented that he contacted his good friend Jim Chiarello the OPS manager for Dave and Busters and would get back to me. Without ever meeting me or my son, they ar-

ranged for a mechanic to come to my home. He determined the motherboard needed to be replaced.

I've heard Rick does a lot for our community, and boy did he do something AMAZING for this family! Due to his and Dave n Busters kindness and generosity the motherboard was replaced without charge! My son was SO happy! I don't have the words to express my gratitude!

The post ended up going viral and the positivity it created was SO needed during these challenging times! It's also inspired me to pay it forward!

Rick Lowe should be commended for all that he does for our community. From this mom and her son, THANK YOU Rick for making the world (and our community) a better place!

Roberta Biscan
Wilmington

Wilmington resident

Dunnett named to Dean's List at MCPHS University

BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce that Nicole Dunnett has been named to the Dean's List for the summer 2020 semester. Nicole is a native of Wilmington and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in the Post-Baccalaureate Bachelor of Science in Nursing academic program. Nicole will graduate from the Boston campus in 2020.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

The mission of MCPHS University is to prepare graduates to advance health and serve com-

munities worldwide through excellence, innovation, and collaboration in teaching, practice, scholarship, and research.

Founded in 1823, MCPHS University is the oldest institution of higher education in the City of Boston. In addition to the original Boston campus, the University has campuses in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Manchester, New Hampshire, as well as robust online learning options.

The University currently offers more than 100 unique baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree programs and certificates covering a variety of health-related fields and professions.

~Recycling Tip of the Week~

Turn your ham bone or turkey carcass into stock. Cover the bones with water in a crock pot to within an inch or two of the top and place on low for at least 12 hours. Add in garlic cloves, carrot, onion, celery and a few peppercorns. Let the stock cool and skim the fat. Strain the stock through a fine mesh sieve and discard vegetables. Pick off any meat and place in the stock. Use within a few days or freeze for soup another time. You can always freeze the carcass or ham bone and make the stock at a later time as well.

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Book Stew Review

'Evil Geniuses' by Kurt Andersen

By EILEEN
MACDOUGALL

This expose of the roots of the current malaise that is our country is brilliant, profound, and witty, as befits the co-founder of the late lamented magazine *Spy*.

Andersen takes us decade by decade, from the Great Depression through the COVID pandemic and explains how the reins of the country were taken over by big business, with the assistance of poor-people hating Republicans and neo-liberal Democrats who were led around by their noses by CEOs, bankers, and lobbyists.

His main premise, that we are caught up in on-

going waves of nostalgia and are mostly threatened by and rarely able to support innovation, is intriguing. There's a noteworthy quote on almost every page.

One of the author's recommendations is to FINALLY put to bed Reagan's damaging indictment of government and to recognize that, in most cases, government (under Democrats) works fairly well and would be much better if corporate interests and money were kept far, far, away from it.

Quote: "Libertarians fantasize that they're action heroes and entirely self-made and that unfair advantages either don't exist or can't be helped."

Moulton selected by House Speaker for Defense Bill Conference Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi selected Representative Seth Moulton (D-MA) for a key committee that negotiates the final passage of the FY 21 National Defense Authorization Act.

Moulton said, "Massachusetts has a proud, patriotic history and has always played an outsized role in the nation's defense. More than 200,000 people in New England work on defense projects funded by Congress, in particular in developing the next-generation technologies to keep our

troops safe overseas and our families safe at home."

The National Defense Authorization Act sets defense spending and policy for the 2021 fiscal year. The House version of the bill, which Moulton helped write as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, includes several of his top national security, foreign policy and mental health legislative priorities as well as projects that employ thousands of people throughout his congressional district.

The Senate has also passed its own version of the

bill. The Conference Committee for which Moulton has been selected brokers an agreement between the House and Senate on a final draft of the bill.

In a statement announcing the conferees, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said: "Democrats have always stood for a strong, smart and strategic national defense. In July, House Democrats proudly passed a responsible NDAA that honors our values, strengthens our security and advances America's leadership in the world. Now, our experienced Democratic Con-

ferees will work tirelessly to ensure that the FY 2021 NDAA maintains key priorities for our service members, including a critical pay raise for our military, funding to clean up so-called PFAS 'forever chemicals' that contaminate drinking water on bases, improvements to sexual assault prevention and response in the armed forces, a billion-dollar Pandemic Preparedness and Resilience National Security Fund, expanded paid parental leave for civilian employees, and investments in combating

the climate crisis."

This is Moulton's second time serving as a conferee. Speaker Pelosi appointed Moulton to the committee for the first time last year.

Moulton is a co-chair of the bipartisan Future of Defense Task Force, which recently issued a report on the hard choices and smart investments the Pentagon must make to ensure America will compete with our adversaries and maintain its military superiority for the next fifty years.

Since arriving in Congress, Moulton has helped

secure more than \$1 billion in defense-related federal investments in the city of Lynn alone. Last year, he advocated for passage of the defense bill by highlighting the region's defense economy in a districtwide tour of businesses that do work authorized by the NDAA.

According to a 2015 study from the Donahue Institute for Economy and Public Policy Research at UMass, the defense industry creates more than 200,000 jobs at more than 4,000 employers throughout New England.

Baker-Polito Administration announces higher education holiday travel guidance

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration released updated travel guidance to colleges and universities in advance of the approaching holiday season. These updated guidelines are focused on a robust testing initiative to reduce the risk of college students bringing COVID-19 home to their families and communities before Thanksgiving.

Students who leave campuses for the holidays should first receive a negative COVID-19 test administered by the college within 72 hours of their planned departure. Residential colleges should also offer COVID-19 tests to students living off campus that plan on returning home for the holidays.

Prior to sending students home for Thanksgiving and the upcoming holiday season, colleges and universities are urged to inform all students of the serious risks associated with going home before first receiving a negative COVID-19 test result.

Testing Positive:

Students who receive a positive test result before they are scheduled to leave campus should instead immediately isolate in campus housing designated for COVID-positive students.

Students in Isolation:

Students who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 and are already isolating in campus housing should remain in place until they have completed the 10-day isolation period.

Students in Quarantine:

Students who are quarantined on campus housing due to close contact with someone who tested positive should remain in place until they complete the 14-day quarantine period, as prescribed by the Department of Public Health.

Quarantined students may leave campus housing after 10 days if they do not have any symptoms and they receive a negative result from a molecular diagnostic test administered at least eight days after exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

Return to Campus:

Students returning to campus from either within Massachusetts or from other states must produce a negative COVID-19 test result administered within 72 hours of their return to campus. Colleges should administer tests immediately to any student who returns to campus that has not been tested within 72 hours. Testing should apply to all students loving both on and off campus.

Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Testing Initiative

Additionally, Baker-Polito Administration announced the distribution of the first round of Abbott BinaxNOW tests from the federal government that has been prioritized for use in K-12 schools providing in-person instruction. 175 million tests were procured by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Defense and are being allocated on a per capita basis to states. Phase 1 of this testing initiative will reach 134 public school districts, charter schools and special education schools across the Commonwealth. Guidance was released from the Department of Elementary Education on Monday, Nov. 16 and the tests are expected to be released by Dec. 1.

The Abbott BinaxNOW

COVID-19 testing initiative is provided by the federal government and is a no-cost, voluntary program that will allow schools to test symptomatic students and receive test results within 15 minutes. These tests allow schools to identify infected individuals and their close contacts more quickly to help stop the spread.

Phase 1 is intended for districts and schools providing any type of in-person instruction, including full in-person, hybrid instructional models, or in-person services for high needs students. Districts and schools participating in Phase 1 have already been selected, and those chosen will have to meet six criteria, including the ability to complete DPH reporting requirements and ensure staff who administer the tests are trained. Schools must also obtain parent/guardian consent prior to administering tests to students.

The BinaxNOW Rapid Point of Care testing initiative offers testing in a school setting to students or staff that exhibit any symptoms of an illness consistent with COVID-19 as well as to students or staff who exhibit minimal symptoms (e.g., runny nose, isolated headache, isolated fatigue).

The Abbott BinaxNOW test is a rapid antigen test. Rapid antigen tests perform best when the person is tested in the early stages of infection with SARS-CoV-2, which is when the viral load is generally highest.

School districts seeking more information on the BinaxNOW Rapid Point of Care testing initiative should visit <https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>

Abbott BinaxNOW Validation Work

In order to test the validity of the Abbott BinaxNOW tests, the Department of Public Health (DPH) recently completed a study to compare the rapid point-of-care Abbott BinaxNOW test to the PCR test, the gold stan-

dard for detecting COVID-19. The Abbott BinaxNOW Ag Card rapid test is a simple, quick, inexpensive test that produces results in approximately 15 minutes.

DPH collaborated with Lawrence General Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, and the Broad Institute to enroll over 1,600

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on **December 2, 2020** at 7:00 P.M. on an application filed by the Town of Tewksbury, Department of Public Works, for a Notice of Intent for the installation of new hot mix asphalt sidewalks, bituminous concrete curbing, and concrete ADA handicap ramps, relocation of utility poles, and drainage improvements. Proposed work is located within the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, and within Land Subject to Flooding and Riverfront Area. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located on Shawshen Street, Assessor's Maps 98, 99, 100, 101, & 102, within the Shawshen Street Right-of-Way between Main Street and 1650 Shawshen Street.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stefania Gallo
Conservation Agent/
Planner
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P2022EA

Estate of:
Michael J. Garvey, Sr.
Date of Death: 02/06/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael J. Garvey, Jr. of Merrimack NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Michael J. Garvey, Jr. of Merrimack NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 05, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P5224EA

Estate of:
Patricia Ann Boulton
Also known as:
Patricia A. Boulton
Date of Death: 11/29/2018

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Elizabeth Ann Duncan of Merrimack NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Elizabeth Ann Duncan of Merrimack NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/04/2020.**

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 18, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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Strongwater Farm Completes New Indoor Arena Opened to Programming and Services

Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center of Tewksbury, MA, has completed construction on its new 15,700 square foot indoor arena and program center. The \$2 million center is home to an environmentally friendly indoor riding arena with state-of-the-art LED lighting and a riding surface consisting of recycled materials. An adjacent client Welcome Center houses the equine program center for unmounted programs and activities as well as a registration and administrative offices. The center opened to programs on October 26th and realizes Strongwater Farm's dream to offer more services with year-round programs for all ages.

Strongwater Farm has been able to start construction this year through the generosity of many area foundations, corporations, and individuals including Ray and Elacaire Gosselin Charitable Trust, Perley Family Charitable Foundation, Susan and David Wahr Family Charitable Fund, Doe Family Foundation, The Cummings Foundation, Telemachus & Irene Demoulas Foundation, Lowell Five, Richard and

Nancy Donohue Foundation, Laura J. Niles Foundation, Pricilla Endicott Charitable Foundation, and others who wish to remain anonymous.

An independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1998, Strongwater Farm has a mission of enhancing and enriching lives by providing education, social opportunities, and emotional support for its community through equine-assisted activities and therapies. Participants include children and adults with physical, cognitive, behavioral and emotional challenges. Since 2004 Strongwater Farm has been recognized as a Premier Accredited Center by PATH, Intl. for its adherence to high standards of programming and operation. Strongwater Farm provides more than 4,000 hours of therapeutic programs and services annually offering individual and group therapeutic programs for veterans and local public-school special education classes.

To learn more about our programs; how to volunteer; or make a gift, go to www.strongwaterfarm.org.

This member profile is provided by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce and the Wilmington/Tewksbury Town Crier to promote and support home town business. To have your business highlighted here contact Executive Director Nancy Vallee at 978-657-7211.



Tewksbury Police Log

Couple arrested on drug charges twice in four days

Monday, November 16

12:40 a.m. - Police off at Extended Stay America with attached vehicle. Possible party asleep inside the vehicle. Parties checked out and everyone cleared.

9:41 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at East Street and Jill's Way, registered owner showing a warrant. Luis Pena-Amaro, 50, of 59 Cedar St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle and a warrant for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

12:56 p.m. - A 911 caller stated argument at Taft Road between delivery driver and home owner. Police sent. Frederick Brozonos, 56, of 7 Taft Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with dangerous weapon of a knife, breaking and entering vehicle/boat daytime for felony, and willful and malicious destruction.

6:51 p.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle on Route 133 by the Andover Line. Michael Thellen, 19, of 274 Burnham Road in Lowell, was arrested and charged with distribute class D drugs (marijuana) and possession

to distribute class D drugs. Amanda Torres, 23, of 100 South Police St. in Salem, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possession to distribute class D drugs, distribute class D drugs, operation motor vehicle with license suspended, marked lanes violation, and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Tuesday, November 17

7:57 a.m. - Calling party stated there was a vehicle traveling on Route 38 and they believed someone was snorting cocaine in the front seat with the passenger at Deli King Restaurant. Police sent. Bryan Thomas, 35, of 47 South Hall St. in Manchester, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possession to distribute class B drugs, possession class A drugs, three counts of possession class B drugs, and two counts of possession class E drugs. Courtney Lavalle, 22, of 17 Joyce Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession to distribute class B drugs, possession class A drugs, three counts of possession class B drugs, and two counts of possession class E drugs.

4:04 p.m. - A silver sedan was parked unoccupied in the parking lot at Marshalls

with the keys inside and the door open. Police sent but the vehicle was gone on arrival.

9:46 p.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle at Andover Street and Route 495 North. Kimberly Montgomery, 44, of 103 Portland St. in Haverhill, was arrested and charged with two counts of possession class E drugs.

Wednesday, November 18

8:24 a.m. - A 911 caller believed someone was in her house at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. Officer spoke with parties.

5:52 p.m. - Male caller reported a group of males came to Chandler Street to fight his son. They drove off in a red Cadillac. Caller requested extra checks at this time. Police contacted the caller. All units checked the area for the vehicle.

6:42 p.m. - A male party approached the caller's door possibly trying to steal a package that had been delivered at Meredith Road. The party took off. Police sent. After speaking with the caller, this incident happened approximately 45 minutes prior to calling the police. They checked the area.

Officer filed a report.

10:09 p.m. - An erratic operator at Main Street and Michael Street. Police out with that party. Everything checked out OK.

Thursday, November 19

12:13 a.m. - One of Lyft's riders was kicked out of the vehicle and proceeded to make a threat to shoot the caller at Cumberland Farms. Police sent. The parties have been separated.

12:02 p.m. - Caller at Villa Roma Drive reported ongoing issue with her landlord and requested to speak with an officer. Police sent. Jeanmarie Schmidt, 56, of 85 Kendall Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery domestic, possession class B drug and possess class E drugs.

9:57 p.m. - Manager at Market Basket Warehouse requested a check of a parking lot after someone dropped off a baseball bat. Police sent. Everything checked out.

Friday, November 20

8:07 a.m. - Call from the manager of Market Basket North for homeless people living in the woods near the

store. Police sent. The tent was vacant, but police would swing by later to check it out.

10:39 a.m. - Police off at Dandi Lyons for inspection sticker. Donald Morris, 51, of 158 McLaren Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operation motor vehicle with license suspended and no inspection sticker.

11:18 a.m. - Male party was in Home Depot's. Police sent. John Thompson, 51, of 702 Sandy Lane in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with larceny under \$1,200.

4:42 p.m. - Caller at Home Depot reported a male party that stole a battery. Male was with female walking towards Applebees. Police sent. Krystee Ewalt, 28, of 169 Lawrence St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a warrant for shoplifting cart and larceny under \$1,200. Jan Carlos Ortiz, 33, of 169 Lawrence St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with larceny under \$1,200, a warrant for fentanyl trafficking, and two warrants for juror fail to attend.

10:46 p.m. - A motor vehicle was stopped at Woburn Street by the police. Courtney Lavalle, 22, of 44 Dexter Road in Melrose, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possession class A, B, and E drugs, two warrants for possession class A drugs, carry a dangerous weapon, intimate witness/juror/police/court official,

identity fraud, and shoplifting by concealing. Bryan Thomas, 35, of 5 Greenfield Road in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with intimidate/misleading a police officer/witness/juror/police/court official, carry a dangerous weapon, and shoplifting by concealing.

Saturday, November 21

5 p.m. - The caller's neighbor was playing loud music for the past few hours at Meade Street. Police sent. All set and spoken to.

10:33 p.m. - A 911 caller reported disturbance with guest in lobby at Extended Stay America. Police sent. Parties spoken to. All was quiet. The woman was going to her room.

Sunday, November 22

1:31 a.m. - Police out at Circle K for speeding. Giovanni Alcantaro, 27, of 31 Ash St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery with dangerous weapon.

4:49 a.m. - The caller was with a female at Marriott Residence Inn. Krystal Kirland, 37, of 276 Boston Road in Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery on family/household, a warrant for shoplifting and a warrant for harassment/intimidate witness.



Wilmington Police Log

Fire reported at skatepark near Shawsheen School

Friday, November 13:

1:32 a.m.: A broken bicycle was found at the rear of the Woburn Street School on Woburn Street near door #8 and DPW was notified for removal.

1:58 a.m.: An employee at CVS on Main Street reported a shoplifting incident, leading to Michael J. Fagner of 5 Hillside Ave., Burlington being arrested on a warrant and Joseph William Gordon of 5 Hansen Ave., Burlington being arrested for shoplifting by asportation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

11:44 a.m.: A caller reported that a white van with writing on the back struck a telephone pole on Burlington Avenue across from Webber Street while heading towards the center. Verizon was notified.

fied of damage to the pole, but police were unable to locate the vehicle.

3:12 p.m.: A caller reported a road rage incident at the Target parking lot on Ballardvale where words were exchanged between two parties. Police reported that they had conflicting stories and the parties agreed to leave without incident.

4:31 p.m.: Three lanes of Main Street were shut down when a 3-car motor vehicle collision occurred between a blue 2020 Nissan Altima, black 2010 Nissan Altima, and a black 2018 Chevy Silverado 1500. An airbag was deployed and one driver was transported to Winchester Hospital.

Saturday, November 14:

12:50 a.m.: Suspicious activity

was reported regarding a gray 2017 Honda Civic SE at the Dunkin' Donuts on Middlesex Avenue. The vehicle was in the parking lot with parties inside asleep who were found to be resting during a long trip home and moved along.

4:02 p.m.: A caller reported juveniles were setting fire to items in a barrel at the skatepark near the Shawsheen School on Shawsheen Avenue. Police found remnants of a fire in a trash barrel, but none of the 20 kids at the park would say who started it. Several different stories were received, causing police to shut down the park and remain until everyone left.

Sunday, November 15:

5:13 a.m.: John Boyer Ford Jr. of 44 Quail Run, Tewksbury was arrested on a war-

rant after having a motor vehicle collision with a guard rail on Adams Street. The party was later bailed.

12:50 p.m.: A caller reported the line at Starbucks was blocking traffic, but when police responded it was not found to be an issue at that time.

5:14 p.m.: Police advised four juveniles who were hanging out in the drive thru of Rite Aid on Main Street that they can no longer hang out there. They picked up their trash and were sent on their way.

9:03 p.m.: Susan Anne Sakey of 55 Villagewood Drive, Burlington, was arrested for OUI after her blue 2012 Volkswagen Jetta SE was stopped on Shawsheen Avenue after disregarding directions. The party's vehicle was then

towed.

Monday, November 16:

6:42 a.m.: A resident on Woburn Street reported that two pit mix dogs were running loose in the vicinity of 250 Woburn St., which was connected to another call about two dogs spotted on Concord Street. The Animal Control officer obtained the dogs and identified the owner via a chip. Jennifer Boucher was cited for restraint control.

10:36 a.m.: Stephen C. Talbaldi, 83 Cambridge St, Apt #2D, Burlington, was summonsed for Larceny under \$1,200 by False Pretense involving an incident with Benevento Sand & Stone on Salem Street.

1:07 p.m.: A caller reported a hit and run at Wilmington House of Pizza on Main Street in which the vehicle took off towards the plaza. Video footage was available, but not of good enough quality to make out the plate. Another vehicle involved was able to be located.

4:47 p.m.: A party reported he lost his wallet at AL Prime on Main Street.

5:13 p.m.: A gray 2011 Ford Escape was struck from behind by another vehicle at Route 62 and Woburn Street, which then left the scene. The caller was unable to get a description of the vehicle or driver, but requested that the incident be logged.

Tuesday, November 17:

1:07 a.m.: At Shawsheen Avenue and Aldrich Road, a brown 2014 Hyundai Elantra SE was towed and plates were confiscated due to it being uninsured. Madison R. Martel of 27 Pond Lane Ext., Billerica was then charged with operating an uninsured vehicle.

7:06 p.m.: A gray 2000 Toyota Tundra was involved in a motor vehicle collision

with a deer on Andover Street after which the animal ran into the woods.

8:54 p.m.: A gray 2014 Toyota Corolla SE was involved in a motor vehicle collision with a deer on Ballardvale Street in which there were no reported airbag deployments or injuries. The deer was gone prior to police arrival.

10:57 p.m.: Christopher J. McCann of 18 Kingston St., Apt #2 in Somerville was placed in Protective Custody after knocking on the door of a resident on Frederick Drive. McCann appeared to be under the influence and stated that he has outstanding warrants but is ready to turn himself in.

Thursday, November 19:

7:24 a.m.: A red 2018 Ford F150 was given a written warning at Salem Street and Anthony Avenue for failure to stop for school bus lights.

8:50 a.m.: An anonymous caller reported a dog on Deming Way Ext. was howling. The Animal Control Officer was notified, but reported that the dog was howling to music and that both it and the resident were fine.

3:34 p.m.: Suspicious activity was reported on Richmond Street with Keolis stating that about 15 to 20 juveniles were playing chicken with the train under the bridge. Police were unable to locate anyone and nothing was showing in the area.

8:17 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at Lowell Street and the I-93 Northbound Exit 38 Ramp. A red 2012 Fiat 500 and a red 2019 Subaru Outback were involved in the collision which had no reported injuries. One driver was given a citation for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to yield when turning left.

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Lifestyle

How to best take care of all those leftovers

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

The one night of the year that my refrigerator always seems to be filled to capacity is Thanksgiving night. It doesn't matter how much food has been consumed during the day, there always seems to be more food leftover than there was at the original meal.

A few days after packing the refrigerator with leftovers, comes the inevitable question, "Is this still OK to eat?"

The answer to this question will depend on how you handle your leftovers after your initial dinner is over.

Bacteria can grow on warm, prepared foods quickly, so you will want to put away your leftovers in a timely fashion.

Leftovers should be wrapped in foil or plastic wrap, or stored in air tight containers, then refrigerated within two hours of serving for optimum freshness. Contrary to some beliefs, it is safer to refrigerate warm food than to leave it out to "cool."

Once in the refrigerator, how long leftovers will last depends on what type of food it is.

If you are like me, you always cook a turkey that is much larger than you actually need, providing you with a lot of leftover turkey.

According to [foodsafety.gov](https://www.foodsafety.gov), a government website regarding food safety information, poultry will last in the refrigerator three to four days.

Be sure to remove meat from the bone before you store it, as the turkey will take longer to cool on the bone, making it more likely that bacteria will be able to grow on it.

Turkey will also freeze very well for future use. For maximum flavor and tenderness, freeze turkey after clearing away from the Thanksgiving day table. If you wait two or three days later, you are forfeiting texture and flavor. Once frozen, turkey will last in the freezer for up to six months.

For those non-conformist that prefer ham instead of turkey, a spiral cut ham will last three to



four days in the refrigerator, and country ham will last about a week. Ham can also be easily frozen, and will last up to two months.

Potato dishes, including mashed, scalloped, au gratin, and sweet potato will last three to four days refrigerated. Most potato dishes require the addition of butter, cream or milk, which can spoil rapidly when unrefrigerated, so be sure to put them away as soon as dinner is over.

Most potato dishes also freeze well for up to 10 months. However, never freeze extra raw potatoes, as they will not recover properly once frozen.

Stuffing, dressing and gravy will last three to four days in the refrigerator or up to a month in the freezer.

It is best to remove all of the stuffing from the bird when you are getting ready to serve, as the bird carcass can be a breeding ground for harmful bacteria growth.

Cranberry sauce, homemade or from a can, will last up to two weeks in the refrigerator, but it is not recommended to freeze.

For your favorite casserole dishes such as green bean, corn pudding, or mac and cheese, three to five days is their refrigerator shelf life. The same goes for other vegetable side dishes like squash, collard greens, and turnip. Most of

these non-meat side dishes will also last 10 to 12 months in the freezer.

Breads and rolls can be stored right in the pantry. Crusty breads will stay fresh for about one day, and other breads will last three to four days.

All breads can be easily go in the freezer and last up to three months; however, refrigerating bread will not make them last longer and will dry out the bread.

Often, everyone is so full from the meal that you don't even cut into all the pies you may have served.

Worrying about pie going



Leftovers — from desserts, left, sides, above, and the turkey, below — should be prepared properly after your Thanksgiving meal to ensure safe consumption.

(Heather Burns photos)

bad before it gets eaten is not a problem in my home, but for those with self control, pumpkin, pecan, and chocolate pies will keep three to four days in the refrigerator.

Uncut fruit pies can safely sit out on the counter for two days. After cutting, loosely wrap in foil and refrigerator for two to four days.

If you have too many pies, consider freezing any of these types of pies for future use. Frozen pies will last up to three months, allowing you to save a little time and money by saving them for the Christmas holiday.

Custard and chiffon pies can

be refrigerated for three to four days, but will not freeze well.

Unfrosted cakes and cookies will last in the pantry for two to three days, or up to a week in the refrigerator.

Cakes and pastries with frosting or dairy based fillings should be refrigerated immediately.

All of these baked goodies will freeze nicely when properly wrapped in an airtight container for up to three months.

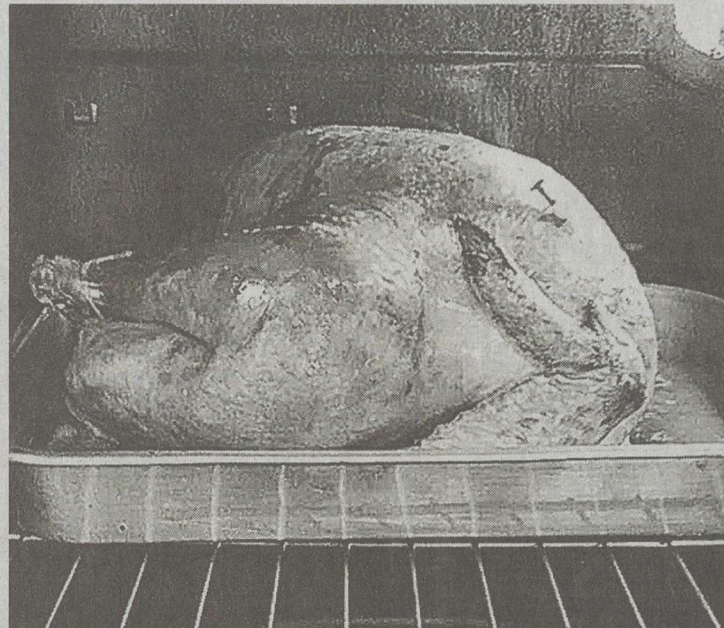
If your guest list this year was smaller than usual, you may find yourself with an extreme amount of leftovers. Consider making one or two "leftover casseroles" that can easily be frozen for later use.

Mix leftover, chopped turkey with any leftover vegetable (peas, carrots, beans, ect) and two tablespoons of mayonnaise.

In a baking dish, layer leftover stuffing, turkey mixture, and leftover mashed potatoes. Top with shredded cheddar and bake at 375 degrees for 30 mins. This casserole is great for a quick work week dinner.

Proper storage of all your holiday leftovers not only makes sense for your health and well being, but it also makes economic sense, as you will have less food waste.

Re-using leftovers can save you valuable time, energy, and money. These are three things we could all use more of in the upcoming holiday season!



Take a (bike) ride at Russell Mill Pond

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If you or members of your family are mountain biking enthusiasts, there are some impressive trails just a short ride away.

Russell Mill Pond and Reservation at 105 Mill Road in Chelmsford, is a popular spot for single track riding, but is equally good for walking and exploring. Parking is at the Murphy soccer fields and the entrance is well marked.

In addition to the miles of trails at Russell Mill, a moderate grade pump track is a short walk from the trailhead. A pump track, for the uninitiated, is a loop path which has banked turns, rolls and bumps;

features designed to have the rider increase momentum and ride without having to pedal.

Riders of all ages can use the track. It's akin to a slalom course and a mogul field all in one — but for mountain bikes. There are some practice obstacle features constructed at the entrance to the trails as well, including board walks and a teeter totter.

The trails are maintained by the Merrimack Valley chapter of the New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA). The trails were constructed on conservation land in conjunction with stewardship and conservation committees in Chelmsford. The trails were developed over several years, and NEMBA

has forged positive partnerships with communities around the region.

Trail stewardship is the hallmark of their success, along with providing access for all levels of mountain bikers and preserving open space. The group has more than 20 chapters in New England.

However, the trails are not just for mountain bikers. Walkers are welcomed to the nearly seven miles of trails. We found a combination of pine needle and moderately root-laden paths. The conservation area also encompasses Russell Millpond, active with ducks and muskrats in the early morning.

The forest has approximately 130 acres of woodlands for exploring so despite the 16 cars in the

parking lot at 8 a.m. on a chilly Sunday morning, nary another soul was in sight during our walk. Russell Mill is also often ridden part of a larger informal trail network which runs between Billerica town forest and Great Brook state park, so check your maps if you want to enjoy an extended ride.

On your way out of the parking lot, take a left to see the mill wheel and outbuildings which date back to 1656. This was an active saw and grist mill on the pond which ceased operations in 1899.

www.nemba.org; <http://www.townofchelmsford.us/Facilities/Facility/Details/Russell-Mill-Pond-and-Town-Forest-30>



▲ Mountain bikers can test their skills on the obstacles at Russell Mill. (Paige Impink photo)

Middlesex DA reminds public of resources amid uptick in overdose deaths

WOBURN — Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan is reminding those struggling with addiction, those who care about someone struggling and members of the public about the availability of Narcan and how to access virtual support amid an uptick in overdose deaths. In Middlesex County, between Oct. 14, 2020 and Nov. 16, 2020, there were 17 overdose deaths, six of which occurred over last weekend.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a nationwide increase in feelings of isolation and stress,

Today, more than ever, community assistance is critical for individuals struggling with substance use disorders. In Middlesex County we continue to work virtually to build a network of support and resources for those working on the frontlines and for friends and families. The news this week of a statewide uptick in overdose deaths is deeply concerning. Although the decline in fatal overdose numbers which we have seen for the past few years continues, any cluster of overdoses signals a

need to take preventive action. As we head into another weekend and the Thanksgiving holiday, we want to remind people to remain vigilant. Help is available and many organizations have found ways to continue to offer critical services virtually or while using appropriate public health protocols," said District Attorney Ryan.

Today we are urging the community and loved ones of individuals struggling with substance use to increase their contact with people who are known to

be using heroin or other controlled substances. While we know it may be difficult to make in-person visits, it is still important to stay connected through phone calls and by making virtual connections. Also, check that Narcan is readily available.

• The statewide Helpline offers free and confidential services at 800.327.5050, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Helpline is also open on all holidays.

• Narcan is available at any pharmacy without a prescription. Learn more

at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/how-to-get-naloxone#:~:text=The%20Department%20of%20Public%20Health,supply%20of%20naloxone%20rescue%20kits>.

Over the last month, fatal overdoses have occurred in the Middlesex County communities of Bedford, Burlington, Everett, Framingham, Lowell, Malden, Marlborough, Maynard, Medford, Somerville, Watertown, Wayland, Westford and Woburn.

The Middlesex District Attorney's Office has organized and hosted virtu-

ally Opioid Task Force Meetings with health professionals, emergency department personnel and law enforcement to share resources accessible for everyone and address an increase in anxiety disorder symptoms during the COVID-19 crisis.

To see a full list of partners and resources or view past Opioid Task Force meetings, visit <https://www.middlesexda.com/opioid-initiatives/pages/covid-19-opioid-task-force-resources>

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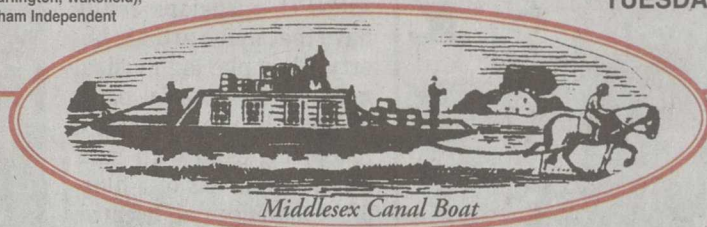
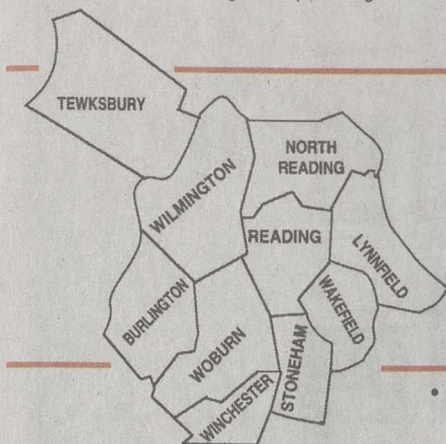
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Reading's DiMuzio set to release second album

Keeping the music alive

BY PAT BLAIS

Friday, March 13...That's the ominous day the music stopped for Reading resident Dr. Rick DiMuzio.

For nearly a month, the saxophonist and music composer's innermost being survived a tortuous existence after playing his last gig just four days before Mass. Governor Charles Baker shut down all non-essential businesses in Massachusetts due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

By April, the veteran Berklee College of Music faculty member could no longer suffer the silence. So he did what any reasonable musician would do: He called up the band and started booking concerts at the only venue that would take them.

So it was that over the weekend of April 18, DiMuzio's Springvale Road neighbors walked outside their homes to find the music professor and his jazz trio jamming out in the driveway.

By the last such neighborhood concert weeks later in September, area residents had become so accustomed to the ritual that they started popping up lawn and camping chairs in their front yards to listen in on the performances, which were also live-streamed over social media platforms like Facebook.

"The need to play just took over. We did it because we felt this need to express ourselves. It just fed us artistically," recalled DiMuzio of the informal neighborhood performances. "We did 10 of those concerts before we stopped in September, when the weather became less hospitable."

With the winter season

approaching, DiMuzio is now relishing in the completion of another major undertaking that was 15-years in the making: The release of his second jazz album.

Entitled "Time Travelers", the album features nine jazz selections composed by DiMuzio, whose inspiration for the album came after looking at a picture of his relatives hanging on his living room wall.

"It's a portrait of my paternal great grandparents, two 'time travelers' who were, in a sense, responsible for my existence, yet I had never met them nor had known anything about them and their lives. It's a reflection on the fragility and brevity of life," he explained.

"They're all my compositions and [the selections are all played] by musicians I hand-selected," he later said of the new release. "I try to make the album feel like a concert experience. You get varieties through the whole thing, so by the end, you're musically satisfied."

DiMuzio, whose wife, Jenny DiMuzio, is a music teacher and choral director at Reading's Parker Middle School, first picked up a clarinet when he was in the fifth grade.

Though immediately drawn to music, it was a brief and at-the-time unnotable exchange with his father that likely changed the trajectory of DiMuzio's life.

As the Reading resident recalled, he and his father, a barber and church choir member, would often listen to records on an old phonograph, and DiMuzio at the time had been enjoying the clarinet solos of jazz musician and big band leader Woody Herman.



READING RESIDENT RICK DIMUZIO RELEASES NEW JAZZ ALBUM: TIME TRAVELERS - During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, DiMuzio's trio (with Keala Kaumeheui on upright bass, and Austin McMahon on drums) has been performing in his driveway for both the local and Facebook communities.

"I found this little 45 album by Woody Herman, and my dad walked in and said, 'Hey, he's really good. I hope you can play like him some day,'" he explained. "Well, I took that as a challenge."

Little by little, the young DiMuzio would memorize and practice a few new notes each day from that song. Soon, his band teacher discovered that the novice clarinet player had a gift enjoyed by few others: The ability to learn music by ear.

The fifth grader, who until early adulthood assumed everyone could pick-up on music that way, would eventually be forced out in front of his classmates to play the whole Woody Herman solo by himself.

Initially, DiMuzio was not happy with the extra attention.

"I remember my knees were practically knocking together," recalled the Pittsburg area native. "I ended up playing that whole solo, and I got my first standing ovation. I remember thinking, 'Wow, I really like this! I think I'm going to do it again.'"

Dreaming of little else but performing for a living after that day, the Reading resident eventually went on to study music as an undergraduate at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. From there, he would obtain his master's degree from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York and go on with his new wife to become a music teacher at Truman State University in

Missouri.

While working to create a jazz program at his Missouri workplace, DiMuzio was informed he would require a doctorate in music, so he ended up enrolling in the world-renowned New England Conservatory of Music.

First living in Watertown, the DiMuzio's would eventually decide to settle down and start a family in Reading, where they raised their daughter Katy, who herself graduated from Berklee College of Music this year with a degree in music business.

"We were really just looking for some place where I could get in and out of the city easily," said the college professor of he and his wife's decision to move to



Reading. "With music, there isn't really a lot of money to be made. You do it because you love it, [so we needed an affordable place to live on the outskirts of the city]."

DiMuzio, who now tries to teach students how to learn music "by ear", has immensely enjoyed his 20-plus year career as a music educator.

But composing and per-

forming music will always be his first love, which is why he's so excited about his latest release, which comes after the saxophonist has spent years growing familiar with the musical whims and intuitions of the musicians featured on the album.

"Absolutely," responded the jazz enthusiast, when

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Dolly Parton brings her holiday spirit to Netflix

By LINDSEY BAHR AP Film Writer

Dolly Parton's "Christmas on the Square," the newest addition to Netflix's Christmas library, tests the limits of what one can reasonably categorize as a film. There is nothing cinematic in this 98-minute musical that sounds much more fun than it is. In fact, it has the feeling and production quality of the recent spate of the live musicals that air on broadcast television and usually have an exclamation point somewhere in the title. This project is simply something else, but at least most of the people involved seem to know it.

Directed by Debbie Allen, "Christmas on the Square" is an extremely earnest endeavor with utterly sincere holiday messaging wrapped in an Old Navy scarf and soundtrack by Parton's 14 original songs. There will be people who wince at its sincerity and schmaltz and people who love it (and trust me, you already know which camp you fall in). How can a movie where Parton spends most of her scenes bedecked in sparkly white wares and floating atop a CG cloud be all that bad? She's an angel after all!

Unfortunately, this Scrooge found herself in the former camp.

The story follows Christine Baranski's Regina Fuller who has inherited the small Midwestern town she grew up in and wants to sell it to a mall developer. She walks through the titular square in stilettos and a sleek big city bob glee-



A HAVE A HOLLY DOLLY CHRISTMAS - Dolly Parton (above) looks like an angel in a scene from the Netflix film "Dolly Parton's Christmas on the Square." This holiday feature is pure, studio-lot fantasy, and it knows it. (Netflix via AP)

is pure, studio-lot fantasy and not really trying to be anything else. There is some fun choreography and a few toe-tapping tunes. It's strongest during songs and whenever Dolly graces the screen with her messages of fair rent and forgiveness and not evicting people on Christmas Eve. But the entire endeavor feels rather slapdash. It's not an uncommon sight to glimpse a bored, distracted or out of sync extra. At certain times you might feel like you're watching hour two of a local Christmas pageant. And then there will be other times where you're caught off guard by a joke, a fun Baranski moment or a disarmingly cute scene, like one with Regina and a child (Selah Kimbro Jones) serving her whiskey at a bar. It's explained (sort of).

Ultimately, it's simply hard to judge too harshly or even

"Christmas on the Square"

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• **MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** The New York Jets are currently 0-10? Since the NFL went to 16 games in 1978, two teams have gone 0-16. Name them.

Answer appears below:

MIAA Statement on Winter Sports and Sport-Specific Modifications

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Board of Directors met last Friday and decided based off the recommendation of its COVID-19 Task Force representatives, decided to move the start date to high school winter sports from Monday, Nov. 30 to Monday, Dec. 14.

This presentation culminated a two-week MIAA governance process which included sport-specific subcommittee meetings where updated Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and current Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary (DESE) guidelines were reviewed. These subcommittees created sports specific modifications and presented them to the full committees for approval. The MIAA Sports Medicine Committee (SMC) and ultimately the MIAA Covid-19 Task force subsequently approved the modifications.

MIAA Executive Director Bill Gaine stated, "The MIAA's mission can be defined by a dual prescription: promoting maximum participation opportunities for the maximum number of student-athletes so that life lessons can be learned. At the same time, promoting the health and safety of all participants is the Association's imperative."

Basketball, gymnastics, ice hockey, swimming & diving, along with alpine and nordic ski will be held this upcoming season. Wrestling, indoor track, winter cheerleading and dance were moved to a different sport season. Indoor track was moved to Fall II (Feb. 22-April 25) while wrestling, cheerleading and dance moved to the spring season (April 26-July 3).

For indoor track, it was a facilities issue. Usually, leagues like the Middlesex League have all their schools run at the same facility like the Reggie Lewis Center. The Reggie Lewis Center is closed until at least January because Roxbury CC is not holding

classes and is remote only.

There are a whole list of new protocols that can be found under the team specific sports on the miaa website.

Some of the highlights include:

• **Basketball:** Players need to wear masks covering nose and mouth during practices and games. Mask breaks may be taken for drinking and breathing comfort. No team handshakes or high fives and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, officials and fans. No live signing of the national anthem indoors. No halftime. Game ball to be wiped with disinfectant at the end of each quarter. No out of bounds plays under the basket. Call-up players who play JV, and then sit on the varsity bench, are now discouraged.

• **Hockey:** Players need to wear masks covering nose and mouth during practices and games. Mask breaks may be taken for drinking and breathing comfort. Now 20 players per team, down from 22. Only one player in the penalty box. If another player must be in a designated "auxiliary box/location," they must be social distanced either outside the penalty box or in the bench area as close to the penalty box as possible; when possible the second and or subsequent penalized players must move to the penalty box upon the exit of the previously penalized player. Only players taking the face off. Players lined up opposing each other must be 6 feet apart and face in the direction of the face-off location. Only one defensive and one offensive player are permitted in any scrum in a battle for the puck along the boards.

Stoneham native a Bay State Games Scholarship Recipient

The Bay State Games has selected six statewide scholarship recipients for the 2020 Future Leaders Scholarship Program. These student-athletes were selected from a large applicant pool after a process that included committee reviews of all applications and virtual interviews with selected applicants.

These future leaders were selected based on their achievements and involvement in academics, community service, athletics, and leadership roles. The Bay State Games Future Leaders Scholarship program was established in 1989 and has

since distributed nearly \$400,000 in financial aid. Each of the high school seniors will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

"Bay State Games is proud to announce the recipients of the 2020 Future Leaders Scholarship program. We congratulate these six individuals from across Massachusetts who have been leaders in the classroom, community, and on the athletic field of play," said Bay State Games Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. "While COVID-19 impacted the scholarship application process as well as the lives of high school students across the Commonwealth, it did not appear to affect the outstanding accomplishments of the applicants which made the selection process very difficult. We are certain these exceptional recipients will excel during their college careers."

Stoneham's SOPHIA LEO is one of the six recipients. Leo attends St. Joseph's Preparatory High School. She competes in figure skating, cross country, and ice hockey, and previously played tennis. Leo has been skating since 2007 and has competed in Bay State Games Figure Skating in 2017 and 2020. Leo teaches figure skating in her club's Learn to Skate program. She previously volunteered at York Hospital. Leo is also active in her campus ministry and has conducted service trips in inner city communities.

Youth, juniors and prep school hockey will stay in state. Last week the governors of the six New England states as well as New Jersey, decided they would not allow for interstate youth hockey to be played for the rest of 2020.

This also applies to junior hockey leagues and prep schools who will not be allowed to play games outside the state.

Youth hockey in Massachusetts just returned on Saturday, Nov. 7 after a two-week pause due to coronavirus cases.

Massachusetts was among several N.E. state to shut down rinks after more than 30 coronavirus clusters were linked to local hockey leagues. Following the two-week suspension in Massachusetts, rinks were allowed to return under strictly guidelines including mask requirements on and off the ice, as well as limits on the number of games teams can play in a day.

Answer to this week's question: Cleveland Browns (2017) and Detroit Lions (2008).

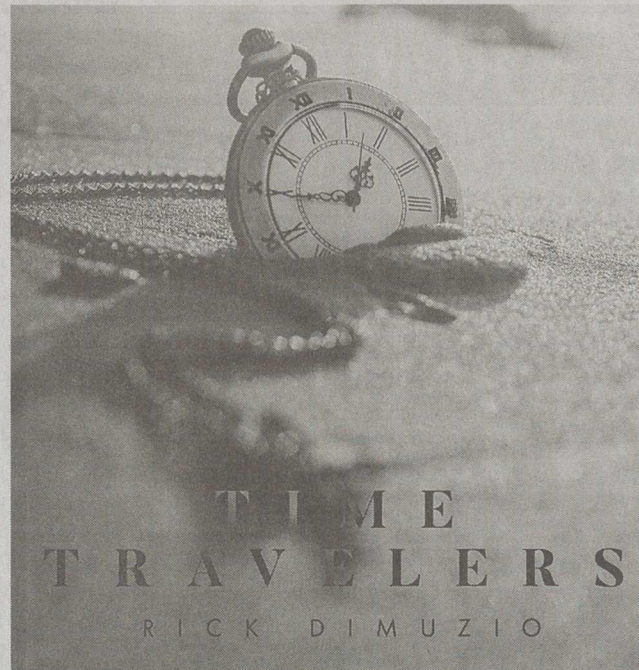
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asked if musicians really have that much artistic liberty when playing musical notes scribbled on a page. "What's written is just a blueprint. And with jazz, there's even less of a blueprint than normal, because we all improvise things."

A professional musician who has performed across the world, including in Europe, Central and South America, and in Asia, DiMuzio performs regularly as a sideman with the Greg Hopkins Jazz Orchestra and Quintet, Bert Seager, Fernando Huergo, Phil Grenadier, Leo Blanco, and Kevin Harris.

He has played or recorded with such artists as David Liebman, Steve Grossman, Bill Perkins, Jaleel Shaw, Jerry Bergonzi, Kenny Wheeler, Conrad Herwig, Lage Lund, Danilo Perez, James Williams, Leo Genovese, Esperanza Spalding, Terri Lyne Carrington, Roger Humphries, Francisco Mela, John Hollenbeck, and Jamey Haddad, among



READING RESIDENT RICK DIMUZIO releases new Jazz Album: Time Travelers.

others.

"Time Travelers" is DiMuzio's second album release as a leader since the debut of "First Offering" about 15 years ago. Time Travelers is available on most major streaming platforms, including iTunes, Amazon, Spotify, Apple Music, and Deezer. Those interested in a physical

copy of the album can also visit <http://www.rick-dimuziomusic.com>, where the liner notes are also provided. Video links from this spring's driveway performances at DiMuzio's Reading home with upright bass player Keala Kaumeheiwa and drummer Austin McMahon can also be found on the website.

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hate. It's not an infectious camp fest like "Mamma Mia" or an all-out disaster like "Cats." It's just Dolly's sweet and innocent Christmas tale with sequins and revelations and it probably would have been more comfortably at home on cable. Besides, we don't need a movie to convince us she's an angel.

"Christmas on the Square," a Netflix release, has not been rated by the Motion Picture Association of America but should be suitable for all ages. Running time: 98 minutes. One star out of four.

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60 South Ave #1 was sold to Bendetson-Portsmouth RT and Bendetson, Robert by Burlington Csg Retail for \$5,000,000 on 10/29/20

1 Wellesley Ave was sold to Mayer, David and Mayer, Mackenzie by Toomey, Charles W and Toomey, Elaine M for \$435,000 on 10/26/20

12 Wilhelmina Ave was sold to Liu, Xiaoyuan and Fang, Hua by Selma RT and Annese, Richard L for \$1,105,000 on 10/29/20

27 Carey Ave was sold to Seckler, James J and Seckler, Ariel M by Warner, Jessica L and Warner, Bryan R for \$568,527 on 11/04/20

16 Crystal Cir was sold to Carson, Matthew by Joan M Zygarowski IRT and Zygarowski, Edward J for \$575,000 on 11/05/20

30 Hilltop Dr was sold to Johnson, Christopher R and Johnson, Michela A by Moskaluk, William J for \$357,000 on 11/02/20

Jonathan Rd was sold to Kim, Jung H by Anderson, Brian S and Anderson, Helena P for \$1,050,000 on 11/04/20

21 Julia Connors Dr was sold to Mirabella RT and Mirabella, Salvatore F by Olney, Andrew H and Olney, Katharine S for \$950,000 on 11/06/20

34 Keans Rd was sold to Pathan, Jibrankhan and Pathan, Zebakhan by Avey, Bernard R and Avey, Janice L for \$625,000 on 11/05/20

42 Upland Rd was sold to Demott, Katharine C and Demott, Brian J by Sainath FT and Sainath, Ramasastry for \$680,000 on 11/02/20

13 Winn Valley Dr was sold to JR&RJ LLC by Dibona, John R for \$497,000 on 11/06/20

NORTH READING

8 Nutter Rd was sold to Schifano, Marc A by VonSneider, Karen for \$375,000 on 10/27/20

3 Oscars Way was sold to Packin, Andrew N and Packin, Sarah by Gonzalez, Alex S and Gonzalez, Samantha B for \$1,225,000 on 10/29/20

4 Pluff Ave was sold to Remax Renaissance Inc by 4 Pluff Avenue T and Zanelli, Randi for \$265,000 on 10/29/20

10 Riverside Dr was sold to Heidgerd, Ashlee and Kelly, Matthew by Martin, Edward L and Martin, Judith T for \$545,000 on 10/30/20

4 Upton Ave was sold to Guidicianne, Michael A and Guidicianne, Sandy by McFarland, Jason and McFarland, Allison for \$829,900 on 10/30/20

5 Batchelder Ave was sold to Covino, Christopher by Tarantino, Lisa M for \$500,000 on 11/06/20

12 Nutter Rd was sold to Washington, Marie by Flett, Victoria E for \$770,000 on 11/02/20

352 Park St #108 was sold to Park Street Towers LLC by Olson, John A for \$147,500 on 11/02/20

67 Park St was sold to Lavers, Brian by Dalton, James A and Reilly-Dalton, Margaret for \$375,000 on 11/05/20

1 Pinecrest Rd was sold to Mcinerney, Jessica by Lopez, Nirka Y for \$305,000 on 11/06/20

6 Shay Ln #7 was sold to Hassler, Stephanie and Fernald, Todd by Livingstone Dev Corp for \$1,328,500 on 11/05/20

13 Westward Cir was sold to Brown, Matthew C and Brown, Allison D by Rand, Stewart C and Rand, Elizabeth E for \$665,000 on 11/06/20

READING

8 Morgan Park was sold to Axiak, Michael C and Wu, Yalu by Kenyon, Shawn P and Kenyon, Eunice S for \$802,000 on 10/29/20

163 Pearl St was sold to Woodward, Benjamin J and Woodward, Lindsey A by Zeek, Cathy K and Zeek, David A for \$645,000 on 10/30/20

86 Red Gate Ln was sold to Smallwood, Patrick and Potenza-Smallwood, Tia E by Mary Ann Wright RET and Wright, Peter C for \$930,000 on 10/30/20

4 Summit Dr #409 was sold to Pi, Hyunjae by Mcnamara FT and Mcnamara, John for \$365,000 on 10/29/20

200 West St was sold to Lannan, Kaitlyn and Lips, Evan by Feinberg, Ryan and Dumont, Ashley for \$730,000 on 10/30/20

23 Alden Cir was sold to Warner, Brian C and Warner, Allison T by Maher, Richard R and Maher, Kaitlyn N for \$768,000 on 11/05/20

34 Bancroft Rd was sold to Bancroft Estates LLC by Famcare RT and Wood, Donald L for \$950,000 on 11/06/20

12 Chestnut Rd was sold to Zhang, Lu by 12 Chestnut LLC for \$370,000 on 11/03/20

707 Gazebo Cir #707 was sold to Hoang, Karen L by Elizabeth A Puliafico T and Puliafico, Elizabeth A for \$414,000 on 11/05/20

30 Johnson Woods Dr #38L was sold to Fitzpatrick, Joseph and Fitzpatrick, Michele by Johnson Woods Realty for \$1,095,000 on 11/04/20

65 Johnson Woods Dr #65 was sold to Wang, Xiaodong by Healy, Joseph M and Healy, Gina M for \$880,000 on 11/05/20

55 Locust St was sold to Parker, Phil and Parker, Fallon by Hardin Rlty Dev LLC for \$1,205,000 on 11/04/20

259 Main St was sold to 269 Main Street LLC by 259-267 Main Street LLC for \$2,000,000 on 11/04/20

267 Main St was sold to 269 Main Street LLC by 259-267 Main Street LLC for \$2,000,000 on 11/04/20

219 Pearl St was sold to Weiskotten, Sara

L and VanDerMeulen, Dominique by Gotsell, Mary L and Gotsell, Richard J for \$660,000 on 11/02/20

651 Pearl St was sold to Short, Kelsey T and Griffith, Chad by Paul A Harrell 2nd FT and Harrell, Mary E for \$649,000 on 11/04/20

111 Pleasant St was sold to Gregory, Andrew by Mclean, Matthew R and Orpia, Rebecca for \$511,000 on 11/06/20

144 Salem St was sold to Sherman Road 14 LLC by Rod, Marc C and Eslami, Mansour for \$525,000 on 11/03/20

605 Summer Ave #1-69 was sold to 1 Summit NT and Pourshadi, Manuchehr by Hellwig, Morton C and Hellwig, Jennifer P for \$370,000 on 11/02/20

245 West St was sold to Pappas, Benjamin by Conway, Bruce R and Conway, Ellen A for \$737,000 on 11/06/20

STONEHAM

49 Pine St was sold to Khatri, Krishna and Khatri, Laxmi B by Hurcombe Doris J Est and McGowan, Donna for \$370,000 on 10/26/20

10 Rafferty Rd was sold to Tatavarty, Venkata S and Chintala, Sowjanya by Kathryn M Cremone LT and Cremone, Kathryn M for \$600,000 on 10/30/20

9 Stonewood Ave was sold to Page, Brenda N and Page, Todd M by Viselli, Scott J and Viselli, Cristina M for \$800,000 on 10/27/20

4 Thomas Cir was sold to Basteri, Nicholas by Anzalone, Barbara M for \$735,000 on 10/30/20

4 Atwood Ave was sold to Collins, James and Verdibello, Julie by Coumounduros, George P and Coumounduros, Bernice T for \$450,000 on 11/04/20

16 Gerry St was sold to Soriano-Flores, Jaime and Lovo, Miguel A by Breton, Wayne J for \$700,000 on 11/02/20

269 Green St was sold to Gillis, Michael C by Nowell, Paul P and Nowell, Diane for \$456,000 on 11/02/20

19 Harrison St was sold to Guay, Martin and Mus, Molly by Whelan, Mary E and Whelan, James N for \$540,000 on 11/02/20

100 Main St #4 was sold to Parwani, Rahul R and Parwani, Isha by Hayward, Meredith E for \$280,000 on 11/06/20

4 Sunset Rd was sold to Nichols, Kimberly K and Guevara, Orazio by Bruce W Cargill LT and Cargill, Bruce W for \$515,000 on 11/06/20

20 Whipple Ave was sold to Gomez, Gustavo and Gomez, Essie N by Smith FT and Smith, Frederick C for \$515,000 on 11/04/20

TEWKSBURY

3 Quail Run #3 was sold to Pendola, Ignazio and Pendola, Antonietta by Thomas, Sally J for \$335,000 on 10/30/20

87 Quail Run #87 was sold to Perrigo, David M by Mercier 2017 T and Mercier, Thomas R for \$370,000 on 10/30/20

3 Randolph Dr #3 was sold to Agruso FT and Agruso, Salvatore M by Cheng, Wai D for \$275,000 on 10/30/20

175 Vernon St was sold to Russo, Robert J and Russo, Danielle M by Roberts, Michael A and Roberts, Brittany M for \$485,000 on 10/30/20

1012 Whipple Rd was sold to Graff, Kurt E by Rkaco LLC for \$564,400 on 10/30/20

1470 Whipple Rd was sold to Nabukenya, Valentina K by Mallon, Patrick and Mallon, Patricia for \$521,000 on 10/29/20

17 Catamount Rd was sold to Jacob, Steven and Jacob, Eileen by Johnson, Robert A and Johnson, Rose A for \$598,500 on 11/05/20

16 Eagle Dr #16 was sold to Thomas, Sally J by Simpson, Gordon and Simpson, Mary for \$336,000 on 11/03/20

150 Heritage Dr #150 was sold to Cross, Jerome P by Struzziero, Karen M for \$335,000 on 11/05/20

8 Knollwood Rd was sold to Secatore, John R and Mcinnis, Jennifer A by Picillo, Maria E and Picillo, Philip C for \$520,000 on 11/05/20

44 Merrimack Meadows Ln #44 was sold to Runge, Stephanie E and Calla, Christopher M by Ouzzif, Zakaria and Ouzzif, Zhansaya for \$380,000 on 11/06/20

10 Nolan Ct #10 was sold to Koytila, Jonathan by Smith, Jason L for \$505,000 on 11/06/20

216 Old Main St was sold to Brekalis, Kristin and Peters, David A by Carroll McCully FT and Carroll, Joseph E for \$350,000 on 11/06/20

3 Park Ave was sold to Theriault, Gerald M and Theriault, Arlene J by Zimmer, Gloria D and Theriault, Diane for \$450,000 on 11/03/20

146 Patrick Rd #146 was sold to Sicuso, Gina M and Francis, Peter M by Lowell, Courtney E and Cole, Frederick J for \$347,500 on 11/04/20

180 South St was sold to Keiser, Adam and Seixas, Lara by SP Defusco General for \$520,000 on 11/03/20

677 South St was sold to Dicenso, Carmine E by Vazza, Denise A and Vazza, Anthony for \$430,000 on 11/05/20

20 Squire Ln was sold to Lim, Den and Phan, Sovanmarineth by Hill, Thomas J and Hill, Veronica M for \$560,000 on 11/03/20

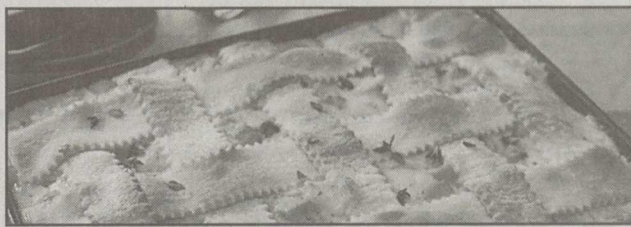
11 Wellington Cir was sold to Harrington, Jeffrey A and McLaughlin, Kim by Burns, Richard F and Burns, Megan L for \$622,500 on 11/06/20

WAKEFIELD

6 Tobey Ln was sold to Mauro, Elio and Mauro, Josephine by Stabeno, Charles J and Stabeno, Jill M for \$882,000 on 10/30/20

82 Vernon St #2 was sold to Polizzi, Philip

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STEPS

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 11x7-inch (2-quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray.

2. In 12-inch skillet, heat 1 tablespoon butter and the oil over medium-high heat. Add carrot, sweet potato, parsnip and onion; cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned and crisp-tender.

3. In large bowl, stir to-

gether soup, milk, thyme, salt and pepper. Stir in turkey and cooked vegetables. Pour into baking dish.

4. Unroll dough on cutting board; cut into strips with fluted pastry wheel or pizza cutter. Arrange strips in lattice design over turkey mixture. Brush dough with melted butter.

5. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until filling is bubbly and crust is golden brown.

TURKEY-VEGETABLE POT PIE

Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
3/4 cup sliced carrots
3/4 cup cubed peeled sweet potato
3/4 cup sliced peeled parsnip
1/2 cup chopped red onion
2 cans (10 3/4 oz each) condensed cream of chicken soup
1-1/2 cups milk
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme leaves
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
3 cups chopped cooked turkey
1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury™ refrigerated Crescent Dough Sheet
1 tablespoon butter, melted

S and Polizzi, Steven by Finnegan Kevin D Est and Finnegan, Helene for \$560,000 on 10/29/20

314 Water St #4 was sold to Arnold, Mary by Fay, Meghan M for \$252,500 on 10/29/20

8 Arundel Ave was sold to Landy, Adam and Desimone, Maureen by Dean, Brenda L for \$550,000 on 11/05/20

26 Atwood Ave was sold to HB Development Corp by Brewer Clark Robert Est and Clark, Judith W for \$430,000 on 11/05/20

9 Avon Ct was sold to Mackay, Melanie J by Don Q Real Estate Dev for \$599,900 on 11/04/20

5 Bentley St was sold to Pan, Guohui and Wang, Yingjiao by Feng, Weilun and Gu, Xiaoli for \$690,000 on 11/06/20

4 Charles St #A was sold to Chan, Selina W and Chen, Ziyi by 706 Main Wakefield LLC for \$769,900 on 11/06/20

32 Forest St was sold to DeLaGala, Grecia A and Boland, Patrick B by Profitz LLC for \$565,000 on 11/04/20

49 Harrison Ave was sold to Wolde, Hagos by Limone, Christopher for \$455,000 on 11/02/20

68 Main St was sold to Driver, Cathlina by Stone, Denise and Mazerall, Lisa for \$625,000 on 11/06/20

706 Main St #A was sold to Lall, Kaura by 706 Main Wakefield LLC for \$770,000 on 11/04/20

23 Main St was sold to Brewster, Gertrude E by Hadley, Robert G for \$765,000 on 11/02/20

7 Middlesex St #A was sold to Patel, Nareshkumar and Patel, Charmee by 7 Middlesex RT and Cronin, Christopher B for \$680,000 on 11/05/20

249 Nahant St was sold to Lombardo, Elizabeth A by 249 Nahant Street RT and Zagaria, Pasquale for \$439,000 on 11/06/20

45 Preston St was sold to Turner, Ashley by Phipps, Wendy L for \$390,000 on 11/02/20

134 Salem St #2 was sold to CGC Holdings LLC by Pebley, Mark A and Pebley, Carolyn E for \$785,000 on 11/04/20

35 Woodland Rd #B was sold to Libby, Lynda M by Woodland Road LLC for \$793,800 on 11/06/20

WILMINGTON

405 Andover St was sold to Oneill, Krysta L and Oneill, Stephen by Desisto 2019 T and Desisto, William C for \$615,000 on 11/06/20

30 Blanchard Rd was sold to Gray-Hovsepian, Jessie and Hovsepian, Gregory by Oneill, Stephen D and Oneill, Krysta L for \$652,000 on 11/06/20

4 Nottingham Dr was sold to Crede, Tara and Crede, Andrew by Garvin, David A and Nodwell, Lisa J for \$770,000 on 11/02/20

12 Pleasant Rd was sold to Wagstaff, Carol A by BFW FT and Hanson, Beverly J for \$430,000 on 11/05/20

10 Plymouth St was sold to Sanchez, Andres and Sanchez, Jasmin by Nicoli, Chad J and Nicoli, Ellen G for \$610,000 on 11/06/20

561 Woburn St was sold to Dibona, John R by Brush RT and Cormier, Janet for \$470,000 on 11/06/20

856 Woburn St was sold to Winlo LLC by 856 Realty Corp for \$2,500,000 on 11/05/20

WINCHESTER

1-A Ledgewood Rd was sold to Condron, William K and Condron, Julie A by Sheldon Corp for \$3,433,000 on 10/27/20

422 Main St was sold to Lattari, Michael A and Lattari, Ann by Power, Emily R and Power, Shepperd Z for \$1,210,000 on 10/30/20

93 Sylvester Ave was sold to Doherty, Evan Dand Lee, Shihui J by Coughlin, Jonathan and Coughlin, Laura for \$905,000 on 10/29/20

22 Tufts Rd was sold to Digiovanni, Kimberly A and Digiovanni, Damien M by M Dillon Zamierowski RET and Zamierowski, Mary D for \$916,000 on 10/30/20

7 Wainwright Rd #16 was sold to Zhang, Taining bt Wainwright Road LLC for \$950,000 on 10/28/20

18 Ardley Pl was sold to Schreiber, Mark J and Schreiber, Elizabeth S by Stockwood, Richard L and Stockwood, Elizabeth D for \$1,100,000 on 11/03/20

1 Bigelow Ave was sold to Wan, Min and Chen, Jing by Martell FT and Griswold, Edmund for \$1,519,000 on 11/06/20

250 Cross St #250 was sold to Wang, Jeffrey X and Li, Zhi by 89 Morningside LLC

for \$1,329,000 on 11/04/20

29 Dunster Ln was sold to Chang, Zijong and Goyal, Devendra by Destefano, Steven J and Destefano, Janet for \$1,550,000 on 11/02/20

36-40 Elmwood Ave #9 was sold to Nguyen, Christian H and Vo, My T by 36-40 Elmwood LLC for \$1,379,000 on 11/06/20

37 Emerson Rd was sold to Gong, Kuang and Guan, Jiahui by Cheimets, Peter and Benedek, Karen for \$1,150,000 on 11/06/20

95 Hemingway St #95 was sold to Koneru, Deepthi and Kantheti, Sharath by Hemingway 95 LLC for \$995,000 on 11/03/20

666 Main St #203 was sold to Baldwin, Rosemary M and Bajdek, Joseph J by Decassia-Couto, Rita for \$605,000 on 11/05/20

160 Pond St was sold to Oconnor, Michelle L and Oconnor, Christopher B by Trickett, Michael and Fiore, Catherine for \$910,000 on 11/02/20

9 Rangeley Rd was sold to Chmielewski, Karina and Chmielewski, Tomasz by Murray, Philip E and Mcleavey, Karen A for \$1,500,000 on 11/02/20

WOBURN

59 Lowell St was sold to Richard, Mark W by Johnson, Andrew S for \$455,000 on 10/28/20

15 Parkview Rd was sold to Calvey, Eileen M by Atwood, Kathleen J for \$710,000 on 10/26/20

6 Peterson Way was sold to Balderas, Stacie A by Zito, Mark A and Zito, Alexis B for \$1,025,000 on 10/29/20

52 Prospect St was sold to StGermain, Maris L by StVil, Clelie for \$452,000 on 10/30/20

27 Scott St was sold to Sanseverino, Gian-Paul by Guarino, Joseph and Guarino, Nadine for \$720,000 on 10/28/20

15 Carson Rd was sold to Flood, Mary F by Hayes, Marion L for \$535,000 on 11/04/20

10 Ellen Rd was sold to Sosa-Mercado, Eliana and Canido, Juan C by Madsen, Daniel K for \$540,990 on 11/03/20

10 Grove St was sold to Monagle, Cameron J by Miranda, Alessandro R and Campos-Miranda, Sheila for \$525,000 on 11/06/20

18 High St was sold to Hennelly, Derek by Castronova Grace M Est and Pappas, Frances P for \$375,000 on 11/04/20

20 Innitou Rd was sold to Tegmark, Max and Chita-Tegmark, Mihaela by Dipanfilo James C Sr Est and Dipanfilo, Jay P for \$540,000 on 11/02/20

3-A Kearsarge Ave was sold to Viala, Paul O and Viala, Stephane N by Galante FT and Branley, Susan M for \$500,000 on 11/03/20

4 Lakeview Ter was sold to Property Neighbors LLC by Wallace, Hugh F for \$547,000 on 11/04/20

12 Montvale Rd was sold to Wang, Fenggin by Guarente, Lawrence J and Guarente, Shelley A for \$433,000 on 11/04/20

50 Nashua St was sold to Mearls, William E and Mearls, Michelle E by Newburn, Brian and Barrington, Kadelene for \$560,000 on 11/02/20

2 Princeton Rd was sold to Johnson, Nicole by Johnson, Nicole and Johnson, Shealene for \$243,500 on 11/02/20

24 Waltham St was sold to Langley, Richard J and Langley, Christena G by Meyer Development Grp for \$658,000 on 11/02/20

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1 Ashley Ct was sold to Damico, Alphonse by Mardiros, Anahid and Mardiros, Aurelian for \$1,500,000 on 11/02/20

53 Edward Ave was sold to Mancinelli, Laurie

Thanksgiving Football Not Forgotten

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Shawsheen Tech's Coach Costabile; Top-5 games in past 20 years

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From the Press Box

Reflecting on holiday traditions and memories of the past 27 games

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TEWKSBURY - Since 1993, I have covered the Thanksgiving Day Football game played between Wilmington and Tewksbury. I haven't missed one and remember leaving the fields and almost every year getting to a family member's house with a plate of food on the kitchen table that I had to heat up, while others were napping or had already left. Not complaining because truthfully I wouldn't want my Thanksgiving any other way, it's just what I've been accustomed to.

Covering this game is one of, if not the best assignment I have each and every year. I get to see so many faces that I don't normally get to see, while every other year when the game is at Wilmington, I get to sit in a warm press box. The years that I'm not warm, I spend in the Tewksbury Press Box with friends Joel McKenna and Tom Conlon, and before Joel came on former TMHS player Bob Lambert.

No matter where the game is, it's loads of fun and I get to enjoy a couple of hours of good old high school football.

In 1993, as an 18-year-old pup working for then Sports Editor Rick Cooke, I covered the game as a reporter.

The following year, after he left the paper, I had to follow his footsteps which included putting together the Thanksgiving Day Football section that he did for a number of years. Back then, that was a near impossible task. Cookie had been doing spectacular sections dating back to 1976.

The first handful of years, I had absolutely no idea what I was doing as a sports reporter, never mind trying to make an 8- or 10-page football section look presentable.

Over the years, I think those sections improved. Now I can say, for the most part, barring drastic mistakes that I may have made or mistakes made that were out of my control, I'm very proud of it, knowing that we try to give our readers everything they need to know for the upcoming game, while hopefully it remains a souvenir for players, coaches, fans and parents for years.

Since 1994, I have worked with a number of photographers, who take on the tough assignment, mostly in the cold weather and away from their families. From the early days of Phil Fenton, Erik Neilson, Steve Picano and Jeff Nazzaro to the late Joe Hakey, and to the last decade-plus of Jessica Stygles, Joe Brown, Melissa Watkins and recently Bob DeChiara, I can't possibly thank all of them enough for their time, dedication and putting up with all of my requests for either the actual section or from the actual game.

I've also had a few fellow reporters help me out on that day with stories, mostly from the crowd or from the sidelines, including Lou Cimaglia. His column from his last game in a Wildcat uniform is one of my favorite columns that he did during his time

here (Lou, the offer still stands to come back).

For me, there's games and memories from this rivalry that will forever be remembered. By far, the greatest game and memory I have will always be from 1999. In my opinion, that was the best game I have covered but it also meant more to me personally. I remember it so vividly to this day. I stood on the edge of the visitor's side press box on purpose so I would be with my great friend Ronnie Barber. Ronnie stood to my left and my great pal Jeff Nazzaro, who was there assisting as a reporter and a photographer, sat to my right. I'll never forget that.

Ronnie went to every Turkey Day game for as long as I can remember. His son CJ was a captain of the WHS team during the 1987 season.

I remember being a kid, in particular during the '86 season when my brother Tommy was a captain of the Wildcats team, watching Ronnie in the stands, cheering on his son and the team even though the Wildcats didn't win too often during those years.

From my high school days and beyond, Ronnie and I became real good friends. Not even a full year from that game in '99, Ronnie passed in the summer of 2000 and certainly the hole in my heart from his loss has never been fixed. The last 19 games haven't been the same without him. Ronnie's knowledge of the game and his support of the Wilmington kids were all second to none. Most of all, his smile, laugh, being a father-type figure to me and his friendship, will always stay dear to my heart.

Speaking of father-type, I remember the years of picking up my own father to go to the game. I forget what year it was, but one game in particular, the two of us got to Alumni Field real early. The field was a complete mess. It was covered with ice. It was a cold day with the wind blowing. We got to the field early and had a great conversation with Bob Aylward, as he was sipping his coffee from a small cup.

After the game, my dad patiently waited for me for probably close to an hour so I could do all of my post-game interviews. I then drove him home and we talked about the game. Moments like that I always cherish. I really wish we could have more of them.

While my dad, Ronnie, Joe Hakey and many other friends are no longer with us to attend the games, the tradition has also introduced me to many new friends as well.

This Thursday would have marked my 28th game as a reporter, which is crazy to me. I still remember my very first one walking up the stairs to the press box and having a conversation with Tewksbury quarterback Chris Snow's father, who I had known previously. Chris was a strong-armed, talented athlete and football player, who led the Redmen to a 23-14 victory that season.

Counting that game, Tewksbury has won 20-of-the-27 meetings, including the last ten. Yes, the rival-

ry has lost some zip. Part of that is timing of the Redmen being among the top teams in the state almost every year of this decade and Wilmington going through some tough years. Another part is the new playoff format taking away some of the thunder of the holiday games across the state.

That being said, to me, this tradition is still strong. It dates back to when the teams played against one another for the first time in 1935. That year they met twice, Tewksbury won 12-0 the first meeting before the teams tied 6-6 in round two.

This Thursday would have marked the 85th year that the teams lined up against one another either on Armistice/Veteran's Day or Thanksgiving Day.

Even though Tewksbury has had the upper hand over the last decade, in my humble opinion, this rivalry is still terrific. You can bet that Wilmington will have its cycle of having the upper hand.

Due to the pandemic, we won't get the chance to see the two teams battle it out again on Thursday. None of you will be able to cheer from the bleachers, and the winning team won't be able to go home and eat from the 'good side' of the turkey.

Hopefully we will see the two teams play one another come March or April in a non-league game of what probably will be a shortened season with some kind of modifications or rule changes. Certainly that game will never match up with what we have here on Thanksgiving.

This Thursday indeed will be different. It'll be weird for me not trying to rush out of my house located in Hudson, Mass in time to get a decent parking spot that's not miles away from the field, all the while trying to hustle to get to the press box in time before another reporter, TV person or coach from the other team, steals my spot.

It'll be weird not seeing some old classmates and friends who I haven't seen in years. It'll be weird not dressing like the kid from a Christmas Story and not having my pockets filled with gloves, a hat, pens, a recorder and if I'm running late, some kind of unhealthy food item from Dunkin Donuts.

Thursday will be different for sure. It certainly will be different, but I'm excited knowing that I get to spend the entire day with my family, especially my wife and twin daughters, I get a hot Turkey Dinner with lots of gravy, and hopefully at some point watch some NFL Football and snooze on the couch for a bit.

I count my blessings everyday that I'm fortunate enough to have my wonderful family, who are safe and healthy.

I truly hope the same can be said for all of you. I hope you all get to spend some extra time with your loved ones. I hope you and your family members are all healthy, and you all have a great day together, with or without football.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!



Back in 2017, after a big win, WHS Football coach Craig Turner celebrated with his daughter Amelia. Although Craig is disappointed that there's no game this year, he and his wife Brittany get to spend the day seeing smiles like this one from their daughter. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

Although it'll be different, Coach Turner and his family preparing for a fun holiday together

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WILMINGTON - For as long as he can remember Wilmington High Football coach Craig Turner has known what he was doing on Thanksgiving morning. Whether it was as a spectator, player or coach, at Billerica High, Shawsheen Tech, Mystic Valley Regional or at Wilmington High School, Thanksgiving has meant one thing: Football.

And particularly in recent years, when he has been the head coach at Mystic Valley from 2013-2016, and now at Wilmington High for the past three seasons, that has meant a hard day's work for Turner, as well as day he has always looked forward to.

"It is usually a very long and tiring day," Turner said. "I am usually up at 5:30 and I leave the house by 6:00. I am at the locker room by 6:15, 6:30 making sure everything is all set to go. The Rotary Club usually does a breakfast for all the players and coaches, which is really nice, but I usually just have a couple of cups of coffee because my stomach is a mess."

It is indeed an early start as well as a long and stressful day for Turner and coaches throughout the state, but like most coaches, Turner wouldn't want it any other way.

"Thanksgiving is my favorite day of the year, because all of these great memories come up, not just as a coach, but as a player. Then just watching the games whether it was at Billerica or at Shawsheen Tech," Turner said. "It is a very emotional day, but it is a great day."

This year of course will be a little (or a lot) different for Turner. With the football season pushed back to the Fall II season starting in February due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will of course be no Thanksgiving Day game for Turner and the Wildcats. He will instead

find himself at home with his family and like many of us, enjoying a somewhat smaller Thanksgiving celebration than usual.

"This year we are going to be at our house," Turner said. "We are having my wife's parents over. It will just be the five of us. It will be a small gathering, but it should be a great day. Usually we go to my sister-in-law's house in Sterling. My wife goes with my daughter early and I go later on after everything is done at the field. Due to COVID, we are staying home and we are going to do a small thing on our own."

Which sounds like a lot of fun. The only problem for Turner, is that he is not quite sure with how to proceed with the day, having been accustomed to arriving late and heating up his Thanksgiving dinner.

"When I first started coaching they used to wait for me, but now they just kind of gave up on that," Turner said with a laugh. "I am never on time anyway. My coaches call it 'Turner Time', so it is probably better off they don't wait. As for this year, I was talking to my father-in-law the other

day, and I was asking him 'what do I do'? I am not used to this, but I am looking forward to it."

Another difference for Turner this year will be that he will be helping to prepare the Thanksgiving meal. Helping may be overstating it, but he will be making a contribution to the meal, even if it is a small one.

"I am not much of a cook. I do most of my damage at the dinner table rather than in the kitchen," Turner joked. "I was talking to my wife about it last night trying to think of what I can make. I was googling some stuff this morning looking or something to make. I think I might do a baked macaroni and cheese or stuffing."

"I also said I would take care of dessert, but that will probably just mean that I am putting in an order at Mirabella's."

Two people that Turner will not see this Thanksgiving will be his father Charlie and his brother Sean. On a normal Thanksgiving Day, Charlie and Sean would be on the sidelines with Craig, with Sean serving as the Wildcats defensive coordinator and Charlie as the special teams

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The Turner Family, Coach Craig with his wife Brittany and their daughter Amelia. (courtesy photo).



Track and Wrestling moved; Modifications and new rules applied to all other sports

Winter Sports Season approved

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FRANKLIN/WILMINGTON — On Friday, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Board of Directors met to determine the fate of the high school winter athletic season.

As expected the group approved the modifications recommended to them by the COVID-19 Task Force for basketball, hockey and swimming.

It was announced that the start of those three sports will be pushed back to December 14th for tryouts and games most likely not starting until after the New Year.

It was also announced that the indoor track season has been moved to Fall Season 2 (end of February). That was made because the Reggie Lewis Center and Boston University's track will remain closed throughout the typical track season, thus no place to host meets.

The Fall Season 2 in Wilmington will consist of football, fall cheerleading, volleyball and indoor track, whereas at Shawsheen Tech, it'll be football, fall cheerleading and volleyball.

Finally during the meeting, it was announced that wrestling was moved to the spring season with the hopes of having outdoor meets and matches. Should that happen, the spring season at both WHS and Shawsheen will consist of baseball/softball, lacrosse, tennis, outdoor track and now wrestling.

Wilmington High's first-

year Athletic Director Mia Muzio was asked on Saturday during the soccer and field hockey games her thoughts. She first pointed out that for Wilmington and the rest of the Middlesex League, more information will be provided once the ML Athletic Directors Meet on Tuesday, the day that the Town Crier went to print.

"It was definitely a positive outcome and being able to play at least a number of sports during the winter season is better than anything that we could have hoped for," she said. "There were some concerns going in (to Friday's meeting) but with all of the modifications, and I still need to read through a couple of pages of the basketball one, but getting the kids out there, getting them to be able to play and practice and have something where they are not cooped up inside is really the only important thing right now."

"Obviously their health and safety is something we will prioritize, but as we saw with the fall season, yes with was a limited schedule, we had limitations on practices and stuff like that, but ultimately the kids being able to play out here like they are now is what matters."

"The other part of it is, I just want everyone to be patient, kind and understanding that this isn't going to look the winter season that we would typically have and we all know that. If the number one priority is to get kids to play, all of the other stuff, we're just going to have to figure out. Not everyone is going to be



Joe Hill, a senior on last year's WHS Boys Hockey team, celebrated with teammates after scoring a goal. This year with the new rules and modifications, celebrations such as this will not be permitted.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

happy but if the kids get to play, then they get to play. That's really the big thing to me."

On the MIAA.net website, the modifications for each sport are listed. In the fall season, the changes were drastic especially with soccer and field hockey. In soccer, heading the ball, throw-ins and typical corner kicks were eliminated and in field hockey, play went from 11-on-11 to 7-on-7 with corners also eliminated.

With the new changes for winter, it doesn't seem as drastic. All of the sports will have to keep up

with the social distance rules - wearing a mask, six feet apart, no handshakes, team huddles, etc., and in addition to that, all locker rooms will be closed.

In basketball, the rosters of each team increased from 12 to 15. The other big changes include: no halftime breaks (just extra time after each quarter); no jump ball to begin games (possession to be determined by coin flip), no inbound the ball from underneath the basket and on free throws, only four players will be permitted in the lane as opposed to six.

In hockey, the roster size is going down from 22 to 20 players. The biggest obstacle is keeping players socially distanced on the bench/penalty boxes with the BOD stating, "rink design, respective of social distancing, may dictate total players that may participate in a contest." In other words, the MIAA wants rinks to add room to bench areas to accommodate the 20 players, three coaches and one trainer.

As for the actual changes in the game of hockey, the biggest ones include: one person in the penalty box at a time (if

there's a second penalty, the player will be designated to another location), players lined up opposing each other must be six feet apart and face in the direction of the faceoff location; In a "scrum" only one defensive player and one offensive player are permitted in a scrum along the boards - a third participant in any scrum will cause an immediate stoppage of play by the officials; Officials will also have the authority to stop the play if a scrum in any area of the ice, is pro-

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WHS names new Volleyball Coach; Former AC star and also played at Merrimack College

Donoghue couldn't pass up this opportunity

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WILMINGTON - Ever since Mia Muzio started as the new Athletic Director at Wilmington High School back on July 1st, her plate has been completely full.

This past week she was able to take one item off of that stacked plate by naming Wilmington resident Lauren (Felch) Donoghue as the new varsity volleyball coach.

Donoghue becomes the program's sixth coach and replaces Bruce Shainwald, who held the position for the previous four seasons. He resigned back in April because he and his family moved to a different part of the state.

"After multiple interviews, it was clear that Lauren was the best candidate for the position," said Muzio about her first hire. "She exemplifies the type of culture that I want to promote as an AD, which has a strong focus on the positive growth of students-athletes not only as players but as human beings. This type of culture focuses on the development of a strong foundation, in which we start from the ground up to promote future success. She places value on inclusivity, the creation of strong youth programs, fundamental skill development, community service and good sportsmanship. These are the qualities that I look for when hiring a coach because it is important that a coach



Wilmington resident Lauren (Felch) Donoghue has been named the sixth coach of the WHS Volleyball program. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

has a strong definition of what success in high school athletics truly means, which in part is winning games but also includes helping our student-athletes to be strong, hard working, resilient, and kind individuals.

"Lauren has the knowledge, background, and passion to take our volleyball program to the next level. We are so excited to have her on board."

Donoghue grew up in Medford and attended

Arlington Catholic High School. She played four years varsity volleyball and was a two-year league all-star and was also a captain during her senior season.

During her junior year, the middle/outside hitter was a part of the Cougars team that finished 21-3, losing in the Division 2 state semi-final game. The following year as a senior, AC finished 17-5, losing in the D2 North semi-finals to Central

Catholic.

After that she went on to Merrimack College where she played at the intramural level as a freshman before walking on to the varsity team as a sophomore.

She elected not to play her final two seasons, mainly because she graduated early. During her senior year, she stayed in the game but in a different capacity, serving for eight years as the coach of the Evolution

Volleyball Club team, age levels of 12 to 18. She started that program with help from her former high school coach. The first year the program had two teams and today, there's over 150 kids involved.

Donoghue graduated from Merrimack College a semester early in 2011 with a BA in Communications. She went on to work for the City of Medford and two years ago she switched professions and serves as

the External Affairs Manager for the Massachusetts State Auditor's Office.

Before the school season started, the Middlesex League voted to move the sport of volleyball to Fall Season 2, meaning tryouts and practices will start in late February and games in March. If that season does take place, Donoghue will come right back around and coach the team again in September of 2021, assuming COVID-19 is no longer with us.

"I think that time will be beneficial for many reasons," she said of the possibility of the two seasons in a eight month span. "It also gives me time to get to know the girls rather quickly. Going through a COVID season obviously presents its challenges, but I am optimistic that I can get to know the athletes, even if it's over zoom conversations throughout the winter months."

"I know that there's girls who are pretty eager to meet their new coach and I'm excited to meet them. I know there were a number of seniors who graduated from last year's team so it's definitely a younger group (coming back for this season) but that also can be extremely beneficial."

She was asked if she is more offensive or defensive minded.

"It's important to be both," she answered. "One of the skill sets that I

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Despite obstacles, Field Hockey team sticks it out until the end

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WILMINGTON - It was a tale of two halves for the Wilmington High School girls field hockey team.

In the first half the 'Cats were 4-0 with two wins over Burlington and single wins over Stoneham and Wakefield.

Then came the COVID breaks and the rematches with the last two teams were not made up. Once play resumed, the 'Cats had the daunting task of taking on Watertown twice and Melrose over a four day span, before finishing the season a week later at home against Melrose.

In the first battle with Melrose, the 'Cats were defeated 3-0, and this past Saturday, the two teams played a back-and-forth, evenly played game for the most part and again Wilmington fell victim losing 2-1.

The loss ended the season with the 'Cats finishing 4-4, four wins before the break and four losses after the break.

Certainly Watertown and Melrose were much stronger teams than the other three, but for the 'Cats the wins, losses, the breaks and the first half success or second half struggles didn't matter one bit.

"I'm thrilled that we got the season in and it was certainly different," said head coach Leanne Ebert. "Playing 7-on-7, we weren't able to put into effect what we originally had planned when we met and talked about things as a coaching staff, but we were still able to use our players to the best of their abilities and the formation that we had. The players worked hard to substitute and give each other breaks and help each other out along the way.

"(Playing 7-on-7) spreads the field, opens the game up some and it helped us on our passing game. It's a year off from everyone in terms of corners, but we're all in the same boat with that so we're no different than any other team. It was nice to get the season in and I feel like it was great with especially everything



Wilmington High junior Celia Kulis takes a whack at the ground and the ball during a recent home field hockey game.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

that is going on."

In Saturday's defeat, Wilmington got on the board first coming with two minutes left in the first quarter as Ida Bishop pushed the ball ahead to Chase Andersen, who from the left of the goalie, smacked the ball to the far low left side.

Melrose scored the game's next two goals, the first with 13:31 left in the second quarter and the game winner with 7:21 left in the third.

"It was a great game," said Ebert. "Melrose dominated when we started out, but it changed gears. We had more shots on net, but it just didn't pan out for us. The girls played hard, worked hard, they put in the things that we talked about at the half-time and inbetween the quarters. The girls didn't give up, they held their heads up and they played as a team whole time."

The game marked the end for eight seniors including tri-captains Kiara Nadeau, Annabelle Kane and Chase Andersen.

The other five seniors

include Ida Bishop, Antonia Brunetto, Zoe DeRose, Anja Jensen, Ashley MacGilvray and the team's goalie Johanna Robinson.

"We have eight seniors leaving and they are awesome. I know I say it every year that the seniors are such a great group, but this group of kids have been so fun," said Ebert. "They were awesome all of the time. They were always the first ones there, asking who needed help and modeling by example. They are just such a fun, great group of kids who were always happy. They were just so much fun to be around. There was never any drama, there was no mid season hump to get over. It was just we were always so happy to be here, making the best out of the situation."

"They always came ready to work and put their best foot forward. We had a lot of fun at practice but were also able to get a lot of things done that we needed to get done."



Wilmington High Field Hockey player Allison Rebeiro controls the ball during an earlier season game.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

Zoe DeRose and Ida Bishop determined to help those in need

Best friends, teammates, join together to organize a 'Winter Clothing Drive'

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WILMINGTON - Whether it's been the COVID-19 virus, the country's recession or the protests to racism, the United States certainly has some problems to fix. On top of that, there's always been a lack of regard for the homeless, the veterans and just people in need.

Two Wilmington High School seniors - best friends and members of the varsity field hockey team - want to make sure that they can do their part to help jump start these serious issues.

Through their service learning class at the high school, Ida Bishop and Zoe DeRose have joined up with the Wish Project in North Chelmsford to help those in need. The

two have organized their own Winter Clothing Drive, which began on Monday, November 23rd and will go until Monday, December 7th.

"Our plan is to do a winter clothing drive and collect anything from coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts and basically anything to keep people warm this winter," said DeRose before the Wildcats took on Melrose on Saturday in

the season finale. "It's just a good way to give back this time of year, especially with everything going on. This is the least that we could do."

"A lot of people have told us that they are in, that they will clean out their closets. That's just awesome to hear to know that everyone is in this together and so many people want to give back."

The girls have been best friends since they can remember - as far back as kindergarten or first grade. They are both three sport athletes with field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse.

In the past they have done a number of community projects and volunteered their time to help feed the homeless at the Methodist Church or at the Soup Kitchen in Lowell, as well as helping out at a number of other events or organizations.

"I can't live without her," joked Bishop.

While their hearts are big for one another, the two close friends want to make sure the people of Chelmsford and the surrounding towns have enough and the necessary attire as the cold winter months come upon us.

"I think it's awesome what we are doing," said Bishop. "We are making sure that everyone stays warm during the winter. It's sad to think that there are people out there who don't have coats or jackets to keep them warm. I'm hoping that we can make a big difference. I know through our social

media pages, it's going everywhere and has blown up a bit."

The Wish Project is a non-profit organization which is located in North Chelmsford on 166 Middlesex Street. In 2019, the Wish Project collected 600 tons of goods to over 60,000 clients, as well as recycling 100 tons of goods.

With partner agencies, the Wish Project also provides people with furniture, household goods, baby items and of course clothing.

DeRose said that they chose the Wish Project after being part of an earlier volunteer event organized by the girls hockey team.

"We made that connection because the organization stands for what we believe in and we know the Wish Project will do what's right with the items," said DeRose. "We contacted (Projects Manager), Lori (Yutzey), and she said she would love to have donations. Anyone in need can just go there and get whatever they need. They also have silverware and house items - anything to help get you back on your feet."

The two girls explained that a lot of time and energy was put into this event and they are just happy to contribute.

"All of the work that goes into something like this and all of the minor details have to be perfect, so it feels really good for the two of us to actually do something on our own,"

said DeRose. "Usually we volunteer for something but here, we're actually doing it by ourselves."

Added Bishop, "I've done a lot of community service throughout my time in high school and this is by far the biggest thing I have done. I never actually organized anything before and now I'm making these boxes. It's cool to make the boxes and the posters and fliers for it."

DONATION INFORMATION

The girls will be collecting winter clothing items from November 23rd to December 7th. The items include: coats/sweatshirts/hats/gloves/snow pants/snow boots, etc., and they are asking for the items to be new or lightly used. The items are for all genders and sizes - for men, women and children.

There will be three drop-off locations: Shea Concrete in Wilmington (773 Salem Street), also at their location in Amesbury (87 Haverhill Road). The donation box will be in the lobby of both sites. As of Saturday, the girls were finalizing details to have another drop-off box at the Dance Company in Wilmington (909 Main Street).

If you can't make it any of the drop-off locations, Ida and Zoe will come to your place of residence to pick up the items. You can contact them at 603-508-8397 or 781-825-5186.



Best friends and teammates, Zoe DeRose, left, and Ida Bishop, right, have joined together to organize a Winter Clothing Drive to help those in need during the cold winter days that lie ahead.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Named All-State, EMass All-Star and Freedom Division League MVP Flynn takes home all kinds of hardware

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WILMINGTON - When you are named as one of the state's best players, it's obvious that your skills and abilities are superior than those who didn't make it.

Last week, the Eastern Massachusetts Soccer Coaches Association announced its All-Massachusetts and All-Eastern Mass All-Star teams. Amber Flynn was the lone Wilmington player to make it to both - meaning she was one of the 46 players named to the All-State team.

If you ask head coach Sue Hendee, certainly Flynn's footwork, speed, endurance and ability to find the back of the net are just some of the reasons why she has been recognized as one of the best.

"Amber is such a special kid. People don't know all of the things that Amber brings to a team because she is really quiet," said the coach. "She is humble and she works really hard. She's the kind of kid who if you turn your back, you know that she is doing the right thing. She doesn't cut corners. She comes in fit and ready to play and she can play 80 minutes like it's nothing."

"She is a very, very respected player and that's all because of the way that she treats others and the example that she sets."

Hendee told the team of the news last Wednesday at practice. When the announcement was made, certainly Flynn was caught off guard.

"I was very shocked," said Flynn. "Last year I was second team (Eastern Mass) so I was hoping maybe I could move up to first team but I was not expecting (to be named All-State). It just shows that all of the hard work pays off because I know that I have been working hard all summer to get better for this season."

"There's been a lot of obstacles, but I've still been working hard to leave it all out on the field every single day."

Flynn ended her four-year career on Saturday in the team's 1-1 tie with Melrose, which is believed to have given the 'Cats a share of the Middlesex League Freedom Division title along with the Red Raiders.

In her four years, the team won 36 games,

including two in three state tournament appearances, and she was named as one of the best players in Eastern Mass as a junior and then of the state's best as a senior.

"(The four years) went by so fast. Freshman year, I really didn't know what I was doing and it was just a lot of fun. Each year I just think that I got closer with everyone that I played with and I feel like the team just got better over the years," she said.

She said that certainly a lot of credit for the team's success on and off the field goes to Hendee.

"She focuses a lot on team bonding," said Flynn. "(Coach Hendee) always focuses on things that happen off the field as much as she does with on the field stuff. We did a lot of activities which were fun and she made sure that we were all involved and that we were all very close as a team."

Flynn was bummed out that the 'Cats didn't end the season with a win over Melrose, but she knows with everything that has gone on this season, there's really no reason but to have fond memories.

"It's disappointing because I know we deserved to win and we worked so hard all season to get the win," she said. "I still feel like we left it all out on the field and I'm proud of the way we played. It just wasn't the ending that we wanted."

"We went into this season with no training at all and no pre-season. The first couple of games was rough learning how to play with each other, get into shape and (play under the different rules). But I think throughout the season, we definitely improved. This game and our last game (against Melrose) we were a much different team than from when it started."

That was all done despite the fact that the team had a two-week break during the middle of the season, on top of all of the different guidelines set this season.

"It was very difficult. We only had three practices a week so we're learning how to play together, there's limited games, so just learning how to work together on the field (was tougher than usual). We had to stay in shape on the side, so overall throughout all of that, I think we all did a real good job."



Wilmington High senior captain Jenna Sweeney, shown here controlling the ball and heading up field during an earlier season game, was selected to the Eastern Mass All-Star team. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

Wildcats crowned co-champs of the Freedom Division ... we think?

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WILMINGTON - In last week's Melrose Weekly News Sports Report, it stated that the winner of this past Saturday's contest between Melrose and Wilmington would be the Middlesex League Freedom Division Champion.

Well the two teams ended in a 1-1 tie, and after the game and before the Town Crier went to press on Tuesday with the Thanksgiving Holiday, it's believed that the two teams shared the league title, despite not playing the same amount of games.

"I don't know if we are (co-champs) and how it works," said head coach Sue Hendee. "I would think it would go by winning percentage, but it's a shame that both teams didn't play the same amount of games."

Athletic Director Mia Muzio said that there's a Middlesex League Athletic Director's Meeting on Tuesday so she hoped to get more clarity then. After the tie, Melrose ended the season with a 6-1-3 overall record, a .750 winning percentage. Wilmington ended with a 5-1-2 record, also a .750 winning percentage. The two teams tied in both outings this season so neither has an upper hand on head-to-head competition.

If this is the case and the 'Cats are crowned co-champs, it would be the first league title since winning seven in a row from 2011-2017, and it would be the program's 10th league title (solo or shared) in program history, includ-

ing two from the Cape Ann League back in 2003 and '04.

While the answer is not known on the league title ownership, one thing those who were on hand on Saturday know for sure was this was a championship-type game. It was intense, it was hard fought and both teams had ample amount of opportunities to come away with the win.

"There were certainly opportunities on both ends," said Hendee. "I don't think it was our most composed game. This game meant a lot to these girls and they were playing really, really hard so sometimes the composure breaks down."

Effort was never a problem for this team from the start of the delayed/abbreviated COVID season with all of the modifications and rule changes, to the final whistle on Saturday.

"There has not been a game all season that we lost or it was decided by the fact that we didn't play hard," said Hendee. "They played hard every single game and that's half of the battle. The two weeks off was tough to come back from and only having a couple of practices a week, even though it was helpful to prepare for the same team by playing them two games in a row."

"From a coach's perspective that was a little bit of good thing because it was fresh in your mind and you could make adjustments."

The game was scoreless after the first quarter. Wilmington senior goalie Tori Gemellaro did her part by making a nice

sliding catch off the foot of Haley Smith from about 20 yards out.

In the final two minutes of that quarter, Jenna Sweeney took a loose ball that bounced past a defender, and came in to the left of the goalie but her shot sailed over the net.

Melrose went up 1-0 with 17:30 left in the second quarter as Lucy Hannon scored, and ten 12 minutes later, the 'Cats tied it up as junior Alyssa Granara's shot went off the goalie's fingertips and past the goal line.

Wilmington had a golden chance to take the lead in the third minute of the third quarter. Melrose defender Grace Donohue saved an apparent goal by heading the ball away from the net. Under the new rules, heading is now allowed. That gave Wilmington an indirect kick at the 6' yard box and Amber Flynn's kick was blocked and cleared out.

Later on in the fourth, Melrose countered with a great chance of its own. Hailey Keegan was able to push the ball to the middle of the net and Gemellaro dove and punched it out, and the ball was loose and Kate Hubbard took a shot but it was blocked by Audrey Curdo to nullify a potential goal.

Gemellaro played a terrific game, making five saves. She certainly has improved leaps and bounds over her career.

"Just in confidence alone, she has really improved," said Hendee. "You can hear her out on the field on every play. The kids have confidence in her and it shows. Last week when we played Melrose, I don't think they even got a real shot on goal - maybe a restart shot. This game because we were trying so hard to score, we lost our shape defensively and gave up some opportunities, but the defense came up big (when it had to) and Tori did a really nice job back there."

The tie ended the "different" season with a 5-1-2 overall record. The 'Cats missed out on playing two games when the entire athletic department was suspended from play for two weeks earlier this

month due to an out-of-school party.

"To finish 5-1-2 is certainly great but beyond that we are just happy that we got this game in," said Hendee. "All week long I was holding my breathe and crossing my fingers because everyone around us was just going down. We were able to play eight games so that's a good thing."

Wilmington will be losing six seniors including tri-captains Amber Flynn, Jenna Sweeney and Tori Gemellaro, as well as Ashlyn Buckley, Ava Elliott and Samantha Papastathis.

"The seniors were great. The leadership that they brought to this team I hope is going to pay off for years to come," said Hendee. "I'm really hoping that the younger players can really learn from their guidance. They were excellent. They kept everyone focused, they worked hard and they did all of the things that great leaders should do. They are just really, really good kids who love to play soccer, who work hard and

"I'm just really proud of all of them especially in these conditions. This was not an easy season by any stretch of the imagination. We tried to keep this season as normal as possible and I think we succeeded in some parts. It was tough but I hope, I truly hope that the girls believe that they got a good season out of this and I think they did."

POST-SEASON AWARDS

Last week the Eastern Massachusetts Coaches Association announced its post-season awards and Amber Flynn was named to the All-State and Eastern Mass All-Star teams, while she was also named the Middlesex League Freedom Division's Most Valuable Player. Jenna Sweeney was named to the Eastern Mass All-Star team, while Alyssa Granara was named to the Eastern Mass second team.

Additionally, Audrey Curdo and Kaitlyn Maguire were named to the Middlesex League all-star team.



It was a big week for Wilmington High School senior Amber Flynn, who was named to the All-State and Eastern Mass All-Star teams, as well as being named the Middlesex League Freedom Division's Most Valuable Player. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

Winter SOLEstice, Dec 11-13

The Winter SOLEstice 5K is planning its third annual 3.1 mile race the weekend of Dec 11-13 2020, going virtual in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The race is offering walkers or runners the opportunity to support their local communities, through a chance to win gift cards from Whirlaway Sports Center and Perfecto's Caffe.

Sole Sisters Running Club (SSRC) is an all-

female running club, founded in 2013 with the mission to share their love of competitive and recreational running and support the local community. The Winter SOLEstice race supports the Sole Sisters Running Club's high school scholarship program.

Those interested in the 5K race can register online by Nov 4 at www.solesisters01887.com to guarantee race swag.

Wildcats close out successful season with a gutsy tie

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MELROSE - Over the last few years, the win column hasn't been all that kind to the Wilmington High School boys soccer team. Overmatched in most of the contests, unlucky in others, and some injuries piled on made it difficult to attain W's, especially last year with just one.

During this abbreviated season, amid COVID-19 restrictions and going an entire month without a game only to play three in four days, enough can't be said about the devotion, incredible work ethic and the adversity that this year's team had to take on and get through.

On Saturday morning, the Wildcats concluded a terrific season - no matter what the final record states - with a gritty, 1-1 tie against a very good Melrose team, which topped the 'Cats 3-0 just seven days earlier.

Wilmington closed out the season with a 2-3-2 record, with three games postponed with no make-ups. The 'Cats started off with two wins and a tie before several shut downs due to COVID-related issues.

"We got off to a good start and then the COVID shut downs hurt us. It took a lot of momentum away from us. Then coming back and playing three games in four days is a lot to ask," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "After that break, I think you start losing the kids a little bit. Conditioning was a factor; just like you knew it would be. It's just hard to ramp it back up like that. Even at the beginning of the COVID season, you had some time together before games started so you could get some routine in your game."

In this contest, Melrose got on the board just three



Wilmington High School senior Justin Healey, shown here making a save, closed out his fine career by being named a Middlesex League All-Star.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

minutes in before the 'Cats stormed back 11 minutes later.

"It was a hard fought game," said Scanlon. "They are a good team. They controlled a lot of the ball. They have a really good defense and their center-back is one of the top players in the league. You just don't get a lot of chances against them."

"We gave up a goal three minutes in and that's always tough, especially against them. Then we got one back in the 14th minute. We got a corner kick and Jason Berube crossed it in and Owen Surette finished it by twisting chest trap move and deflected it in. It was a good goal, a real nice goal. After that we just didn't get too many chances, but it was another strong effort by the kids."

Goalie Justin Healey played well in the net making six saves as he played in his final game and was really strong throughout his career.

Defensively Pat O'Mahony and Alex Fitzler played well, as did midfielder Aidan McGrath, said Scanlon.

Wilmington played seven games this season, two each against Burlington, Watertown and Melrose and one against Wakefield, while missing the two games with Stoneham and the second one with Wakefield.

"I thought we did pretty good. It does show you that when we play against the teams that we should be playing against, we're competitive. When you're facing the teams (in the Liberty Division), it's a whole another story," said the coach. "Those teams are just too powerful. You can play as good as you want, you're not beating some of those teams. We were scheduled to start the season against Reading, Winchester and Belmont. If you go 0-3 to start the season, the kids are defeated, but when we came out this (abbreviated season) 2-0, you see a big difference and there's a lot of confidence so if you then lose one, it doesn't break your back. When you dump three in a row to start the season, that's tough to come back from. There's no easy games in this league, even the teams from our division are good."

"We were more competitive this season and (despite COVID), I thought there was more positivity this season. It's a lot like the basketball team. It's really defeating when you are playing as hard as you can and continue to lose. That's my thing about being (in the Middlesex League) and why I don't think we fit. That takes on a life of its own when the kids accept losing and then less important things become important and it becomes just trivial. The whole dynamic is whacked because there's no focus on winning the game

because they don't think they can."

Saturday's tie ended the season and the careers of 12 seniors including: Chris Bernazani, Jason Berube, Alex Fitzler, Ryan Forcina, Justin Healey, Aidan McGrath, Patrick O'Mahony, Denizio Ricuperio, Stephen Smolinsky, Owen Surette, Christopher Wong and Patrick Xavier.

"We're losing (12) seniors. That group was good and a lot of those kids we had for three or four years. O'Mahony played three years, McGrath was four, so a lot of those kids played on the varsity for a long time. They are good kids and they always worked hard. Healey is another one. He played really well in the net," said Scanlon.

Scanlon added that all of the kids deserve credit.

"I thought the kids were thankful to be out there," he said. "I think one thing from all of us is we all probably took a lot of things for granted. This thing kind of makes you say 'wow' with all of the things that we love to do and you can't do them. I was happy to be out there again and we're looking forward to the hockey season. It won't be perfect, but I think it's really important for the kids to be doing something."

"The attitude was good, kids worked really hard and everyone understood the situation that we were in. You didn't hear any complaints about the restrictions that we were under and the kids were so great about all of it."

ALL-STARS

The Middlesex League announced its league all-stars on Monday and Aidan McGrath, Patrick O'Mahony and Justin Healey were selected, while McGrath was also named to the Eastern Mass All-Star team.

Austin Prep CC teams take home titles

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READING - Last Thursday afternoon, both the Austin Prep boys and girls cross-country teams captured the Catholic Central League North Meet Championship title.

The CCL split up into two divisions this year and both the Cougars' teams celebrated which included a handful of locals having a major role in both of the team's success.

"I was incredibly pleased and excited that we were able to put together not only one, but two wins at the CCL Meet," said head coach Nicole Renick, a Wilmington resident. "I knew if we ran our best and had a few personal records, we could have a shot at winning at least one of them, but we were going up against a really strong Arlington Catholic girls team and St. Mary's boys team."

"In the end, it was our depth that won out for both races. Our bottom three or four runners made all the difference that day, and really drove home how important every member of the team really is. It was a great feeling and a great way for our ten seniors to finish their careers."

The boys team finished 2-1 during the abbreviated regular season and were able to put it all together in this one meet. DJ Bresette of Tewksbury finished 10th overall which is an automatic spot onto the CCL All-Star team. He was followed by Mike

proud of the way he ran that day.

"Jack Dugan was a new-comer this season after having shown glimpses of potential in the middle distances during Indoor Track last winter. He was able to take his time down from mid-22 (minutes) to mid-20 by the end of the year, pretty incredible in such a short season. He's gaining the confidence he needs, and he'll definitely be a top seven guy consistently next season."

The girls team finished with a perfect 3-0 record and then polished it off with the league championship win. Sydney Pilla and Molly Dugan, both of Wilmington, finished sixth and seventh overall, both earning CCL All-Star honors.

"Sydney Pilla was the overall winner against Matignon and was our number one or number two girl all season," said Renick. "She had a personal record in our CCL league meet of 22:20. Molly Dugan is a captain and was our number three runner all season because she was battling some shin splints and leg soreness, but ran a season best by a full minute to finish right behind Sydney in 22:35. She looked so strong and comfortable the whole time, and her placement was a big reason why we were able to beat Arlington Catholic by one point to take the CCL North title."

"We are only losing Molly and one other senior from our top seven. We have some great young



JOHN DUGAN



SYDNEY PILLA

Doherty (17th) and John Dugan (21st), both of Wilmington.

"DJ Bresette was by far our most improved boy from last season. Last year his personal record was something like 23 minutes - in his first meet this year he went sub-20 and didn't look back," said Renick. "We have a strong junior class of boys - including the overall champ Steven Galatis - and DJ has been our number four runner for the most part, as he was on Thursday. He had a breakout race at the Fresh/Soph League Meet and was our top guy that day. That fueled him to run a 37 second personal record on Thursday in 19:16 and get that last medal spot."

"Mike Doherty has been consistent for us, but has been back and forth with illness this season, so I feel like he didn't get a fair shot to shine like he would have if he were healthy. He was our top guy in our dual against a tough St. Mary's team, though, and I was really

talent - a seventh grader, eighth grader, a freshman, and a couple other sophomores in addition to Sydney that are consistently in our top eight or nine girls right now. They are young and hungry to work hard for us in the future and fill Molly's shoes."

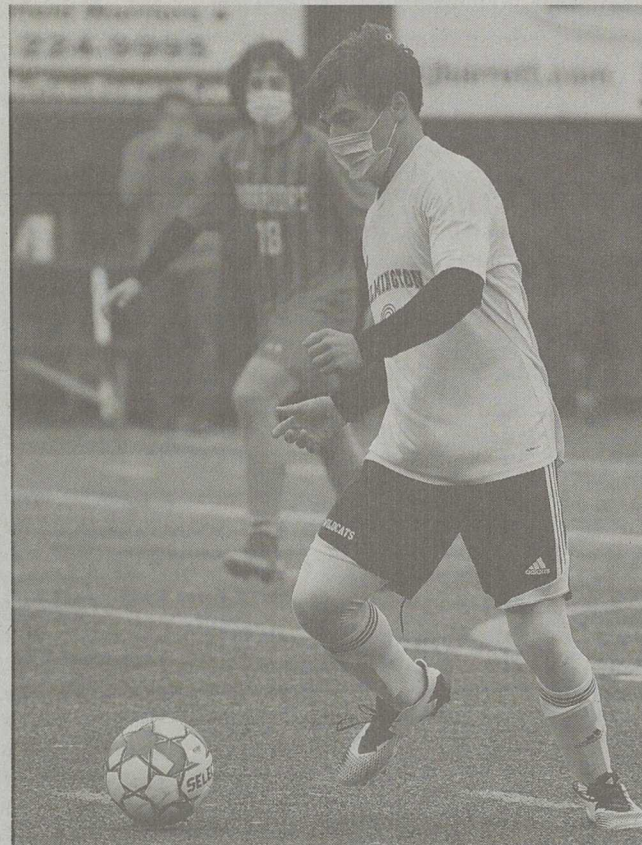
Of the five locals, Molly Dugan is the lone senior, while Doherty is a junior, Pilla, Bresette and John Dugan are sophomores.

Overall, abbreviated season and all, Renick said things went well despite all of the obstacles with the modifications due to COVID-19.

"I thought our season went well, despite everything going on. We had a delayed start beyond the MIAA's date and an additional quarantine period, but the kids did a really good job of coming into the season prepared, and completing workouts on their own when we weren't able to practice together," said Renick.



MOLLY DUGAN (1538) -- ALL PHOTOS BY BRENDAN MCCARTHY



Stephen Smolinsky in action for the WHS Boys Soccer team.

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Winter sports season approved

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longed by five seconds.

When it comes to hockey, Muzio said that the relationship with the people at Ristuccia has been excellent and she's hoping that will continue with these upcoming changes.

"We just have to spread out on the bench and make it work. (The people) at Ristuccia have been great, just so great to deal with," she said. "Typically we have had the girls team at Stoneham and we're still working on that with timing and what ice we possibly could have. The December 14th start date does give us a buffer. In my opinion it was going to be very difficult to have a starting date of November 30th with the season end-

ing (on November 21) and then you have Thanksgiving. All in all being able to play is the best thing and I am really happy for the kids that they can play."

"I think the sports are going to look like what they typically look like. We will do whatever we need too to get things going. I think that has to be the mentality of everyone, spectator, parent, kid, administrator, coach, so as long as we everyone safely."

The other sport being offered in the winter for Wilmington is swimming. Two years ago the 'Cats joined up with North Reading for a co-op program, which is offered to boys and girls as a co-ed

program. Typically there's been five to ten Wilmington High kids on the teams. In terms of the modifications, there's not too many, except teams are only allowed to have either dual (1 opposing team) or virtual meets.

"Swimming is different across the board," said Muzio. "A lot of leagues have been doing virtual meets, so you show up to the pool (at a designated) time, you swim and you have someone time it for you and you report it back to the team or the league. We are waiting on approval from the powers to-be to make sure that our swim co-op will be all set."

As for the sports that have been moved, Muzio

said it was totally understandable considering there's no sites for track, and with the constant body contact in wrestling.

"Moving wrestling to the spring is the best thing that we could have done," she said. "We're going to let them compete at hopefully the best time that they can, without trying to cram them in a gym or a room. I think wrestling outside is going to be awesome, I really do. If we could have come up with the most ideal situation and obviously nothing is ideal now, but the most ideal situation for wrestling is do it when it's warm outside and we don't have to worry about the regulations from being indoors."

Picking out the top-five games over the past 27 years

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WILMINGTON & TEWKSBURY - Since 1993, I have covered the Wilmington-Tewksbury Thanksgiving Day game. Certainly there's been thrilling games, sloppy yet entertaining games and there's been some dud games as well. In any case, I put together a list of my top five games that I have covered over the last 27 years.

#5 1998

Wilmington 14,
Tewksbury 7

Entering this contest, the Wildcats hadn't won since 1991. I remember that game as it was my senior year of high school and when the final whistle blew, all of us knuckleheads from the visitor's side stormed the field celebrating the 32-28 victory.

This 1998 game was just the third under head coach Bob Almeida. In '96, his team almost pulled out the incredible upset. In '97, he watched Dave Shunamon completely shut down the 'Cats offensive attack.

In 1998, he had a pesky, hard working team that prevailed in a defensive battle. The 'Cats defense came up big on the first offensive series. The Redmen started the game off on their own 5 and moved it all the way to the Wilmington 5, and that stopped when Brian Shea tackled Erik Hamilton, forcing a fumble and the 'Cats took over. Three plays later, Wilmington's Matt Minghella was tackled in the end zone. It was first called a safety but the referees ruled that the ball squirted loose and

halftime) but they didn't. They kept believing in one another that they could do it. And they did. We finally did. Oh my God, we finally did it."

#4 2007

Tewksbury 28,
Wilmington 17

The roles were reversed in this one. Tewksbury entered the '07 game with a four-game losing streak, but running back Mike Hanifin made sure it didn't stretch to five.

Immediately within the first few minutes of the game, the Redmen had a 14-0 lead. Derek Lowe caught a 60-yard pass from QB Chris Teixeira and then Matt Bailey recovered a fumble in the end zone. Those two scores with two kicks by Ronnie Wallace quickly had Tewksbury ahead.

Wilmington countered with 17 unanswered points. Hall of Famer Ernie Mello scored on a two-yard run, Steve Stewart booted a 25-yard field goal and Mello scored his second from 1 yard out and the 'Cats were up 17-14 after the third quarter.

The fourth quarter belonged to Hanifin. He scored on a 33-yard pass from Teixeira and then polished it off with a 2-yard run. Both scores came in the last 4:57 of the game.

In the Town Crier's Football section promoting the game, he predicted that Tewksbury would come through with the win.

"I had to come through with my promise," he said before later adding, "We just kept saying that they weren't going to win five times in a row and we just



Tewksbury's Jimmy Tarpey made plenty of tackles like this one during the 2007 game while, teammate T.J. Hughes and Wilmington's Evan Borsetti get into the action as well. (file photo).

sion rush made it 20-14. Right after that, Wilmington's Kyle Albanese scored on a 50-yard TD strike by QB Matt Ferreira.

Then with 1:31 left in the game, McLaughlin caught a 32-yard pass from Saunders, before Bettano's conversion reception seal it.

"We were running the ball a lot and they were ready for (another running play), so I went up to coach and said 'let's try a pass to the corner of the end zone'. We were getting yards but the clock was running down and I didn't think we would have enough time to get into the end zone. I know

with Kerrigan playing for UMass-Lowell - completely changed the momentum. Usually a running back, he lined up in an odd formation and did the old dipsy-doodle -- where no one knows who has the ball -- trick play.

"(On that play) I play quarterback and we do a bunch of fakes and they tell me who to hand-off to. I faked to everyone and went up the middle. I was so wide-open, no one touched me," said Petros.

On their next possession, the Redmen iced the game when Tim Lavoie scored on a three-yard run and Shunamon booted the PAT.

"Our defense is what won us the game," said then head coach Bob Aylward. "We really just had that one big run. Wilmington seemed to adjust very well to our formations, but (Petros' touchdown) they had a little trouble with that one. I'm very grateful, (Wilmington's) staff and their kids did a great job. Jamie Campbell played superb. I coached his father Leo and boy that guy would be so proud of (his son). Wilmington has a lot of good players and all of them played very well today."

#1 1999

Tewksbury 21,
Wilmington 14

Since I've been covering the games, I don't recall any other one being decided on the final play.

This game was absolutely crazy. From start to finish, it had everything you could have asked for.

On the first play from scrimmage, Tewksbury QB Tommy Sullivan connected with Erik Hamilton for a 91-yard TD pass down the left sideline and the kick made it 7-0. The Redmen then kicked off only to see the late Mark Jepson return it 86 yards for the touchdown. He got big help on a great block by Jeff Coughlin.

"It's a weird feeling when you do that," said

Jepson. "I could never believe it. The blocks were tremendous and I owe it all (to my teammates)."

The score remained tied into the second quarter. Sullivan tossed a screen pass to Hamilton, who went in for the 34-yard score, capping a 10-play, 88-yard drive. Jon Takach booted his second of three kicks on the day. That gave Tewksbury a 14-7 halftime lead.

To open the third quarter, Tewksbury kicked off and again it went into the hands of Jepson, who again returned it for a 79-yard touchdown. He was helped on this one by a terrific block by John DiPasquale.

"The second one was the same thing. We proved that we could come back. (Once again) my teammates blocked their hearts out," said Jepson.

With the score tied, Wilmington continued to have momentum on its side. The 'Cats drove the length of the field but Mark Boudreau intercepted a pass at the one foot line of the Tewksbury end zone to negate any score.

Then late in the fourth quarter, Wilmington was driving again. After Tewksbury's Bryan Deshler came through with a number of QB sacks and pressure plays, the 'Cats were facing a fourth-and-16 situation from the T20. Quarterback Josh Hiltz lofted a pass to the end zone to Sean Quigley - who had simply a marvelous game - and he caught it but was ruled out of bounds. There's been evidence to say otherwise.

"I caught it and the kid (Boudreau) pushed me out of bounds," said Quigley. "I don't think I was out of bounds. The (referee) said I just had one foot in."

Said Almeida: "I guess you see things the way you want to see them. I thought (Quigley) caught it in bounds. If anything,

it looked like he was pushed out of bounds. I thought it should have been a touchdown. I don't understand why it wasn't, but I could be wrong."

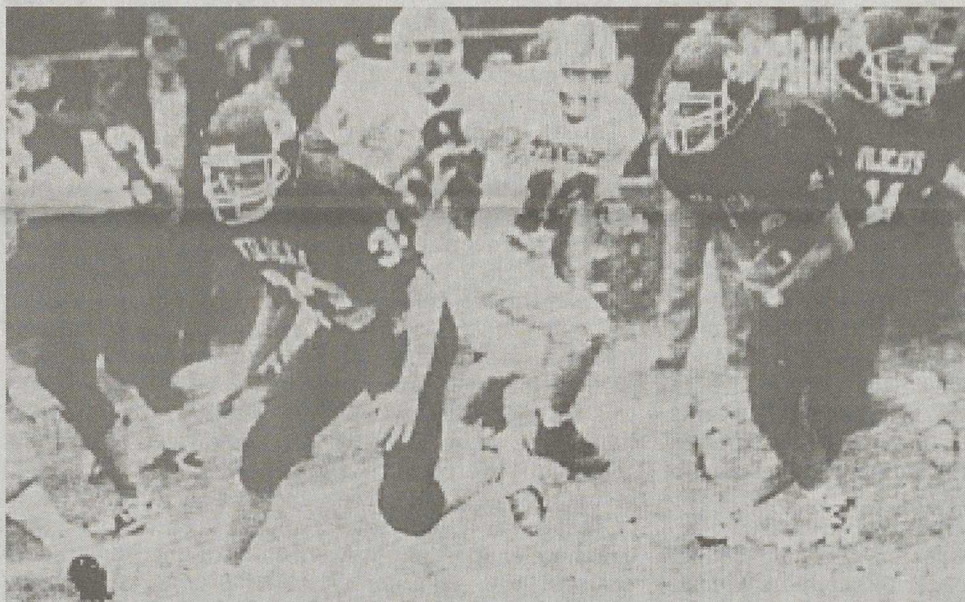
Quickly after that, the Wildcats got the ball back. With 2:09 to go, Hiltz went back to pass and the ball. He felt some pressure by Tewksbury linemen Larry Dingle and Jason Stotik. He then unleashed a throw and the ball was tipped and landed right into the hands of Ryan Carlson, who returned it to the House for a 38-yard winning score. Carlson, who would later play with Jepson at Wagner College, was an incredibly gifted athlete who always seemed to shine in big moments.

"I thought I was going to drop it," said Carlson.

Wilmington again got the ball back and had a chance to tie it up. Starting on its own 40, Wilmington got one first down after rushes from Bobby French and Eric Banda, who went on to play at Northeastern and Merrimack respectively, for a combined 17 yards, sandwiched between a three yard loss by Jepson. On the next play, Wilmington went to the trick book with a double reverse option pass play. Quigley tossed a 40-yard pass to Minghella, who despite three guys on him, pulled down the catch to the Redmen 8 yard line. With 18 seconds left on the clock Hiltz was sacked by Deshler, before he spiking it on second down. That left six seconds left on the clock. Hiltz then threw to the end zone in the direction of Quigley, but it was out his reach.

Quigley finished the game with 94 receiving yards, the 40-yard pass and also had two defensive interceptions.

"That kid was definitely the player of the game today. He can play the game of football. He had a heck of a game," said Brian Aylward.



In 1998, Wilmington defeated Tewksbury 14-7, which included Eric Banda taking a carry up the field while getting some key blocking by Bobby French. (file photo).

Tewksbury fell on it, thus the safety was changed to a touchdown and Tewksbury led 7-0 with 4:43 left in the first quarter.

The score remained that way until the third quarter. The 'Cats strung together a 12-play drive capped off when Mike Gennetti went 16 yards up the middle before spinning and falling backwards into the end zone.

Then after that, Jonathan Aprile came up with a defensive interception which set up a game winning Josh Hiltz to Dave DeAmato 16-yard TD pass.

"I told everyone at halftime, that I was not walking off the field with another loss," said DeAmato, who after WHS, walk-on at Syracuse University and became the football team's longsnapper. "Everyone was in tears before the game. We knew we would win this game."

Said Gennetti, "I can't explain it. It's the best feeling I've ever had in my entire life. It's the best, the best. We would not accept a loss. No way were we walking off this field without a win. We came together and everyone did this together."

It was the first of six wins over a 12-year period for Almeida, and certainly one he won't forget.

"I'm just so ecstatic for my players right now," said Almeida. "They worked so hard for this, so hard. They could have easily packed up their tents and gone home (at

had to gather ourselves."

Said Coach Brian Aylward, "(Mike) showed that (promise), (Those two touchdowns are) something he's going to remember for the rest of his life and something I think a lot of people will remember for quite some time."

#3 2011

Tewksbury 28,
Wilmington 21

This could be a stretch on my part, but I think this win for Tewksbury is what jump started the entire decade of excellence. In dramatic fashion, the Redmen came from behind to beat Wilmington. Then five days later, they pulled out arguably the biggest play-off upset win in program history over Reading, 21-6, before losing to an outstanding Duxbury team in the Super Bowl. That followed with three straight league titles, a Super Bowl title in 2013, 18-combined wins the next two seasons, and then advancing to the Eastern Mass Championship, the Super Bowl and the Eastern Mass championship the next three seasons.

Call me crazy but I think Kevin Saunders and Frank McLaughlin had a lot to do with that run.

In the 2011 game, Wilmington had leads of 7-6 and 14-12 after the first and second quarters. It was still 14-12 early in the fourth quarter. Chris Bettano gave Tewksbury a quick lead with a 30-yard TD run and his conver-

my passing game isn't the best around, but I wanted to step it up on this one play," said Saunders.

Added McLaughlin, "I was anxious. Then when we snapped the ball, I saw the linebacker bite for play action and I was wide open. All I had to do was catch the ball. It seemed like the ball was up there forever, and I was watching every spiral and I just said to myself, 'don't drop it'."

#2 1996

Tewksbury 17,
Wilmington 14

In 1999, I wrote a column saying that the '96 contest was better than the '99 one, but I think a day after it went to print, I realized that was wrong and the '99 game was one for the ages.

Still the '96 game was indeed a classic. It was special for two big reasons: Wilmington almost pulled out an incredible upset against a team that went on to win the Super Bowl; And Matt Petros.

Wilmington took a 14-3 lead with 6:34 left in the game. Tewksbury got on the board first with a 32-yard field goal by Helda Rosa, before Billy Harrison scored on a 1-yard run later on in the second quarter. The score stayed the same until the fourth when the late Hall of Famer Sean Kerrigan scored on a 43-yard run and his PAT kick made it an 11-point lead.

Twenty-nine seconds later, Petros -- who went to the Division 2 College Baseball World Series



Wilmington's Sean Quigley makes his second interception of the game and heads back upfield with the ball. (file photos).

Longtime Shawsheen Tech Coach

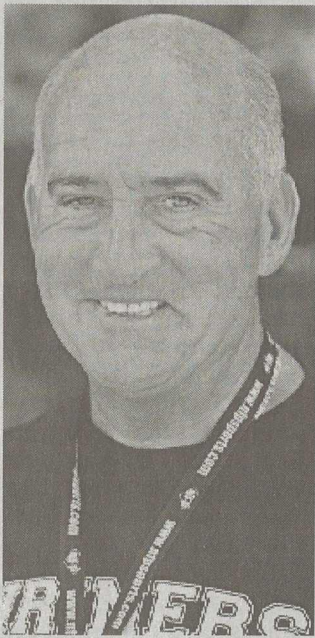
For Costabile, empty feelings of no football to be filled by family

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Thanksgiving football in Massachusetts is a tradition unlike any other, a day that coaches and players throughout the state circle on their calendar at the beginning of the season. With any luck, it is also a day that players and coaches will look back on fondly after pulling out a memorable victory. In any case, it is pretty much a universally loved tradition within the state.

But you would be hard



and that is something you don't get often in life."

With no game to wake up for this season, things might be a little easier around the Costabile household as far as meal preparation goes. Normally his wife Donna, along with his daughters and other family members, will make their way to the game before finally heading home to put the final preparations on the feast while Costabile is wrapping up post game activities.

This year, not only will they have more time to prepare, but they will also have an extra pair of hands around to put the meal together, albeit for a bit of a smaller crowd than usual.

"The amount of food we bought this year is much less than usual," Costabile said. "We will still have a sizable crowd with about ten people, but that is about half of what we usually have."

In years past, the Costabile family would travel to various locations for Thanksgiving dinner, but in recent years, Al and Donna have welcomed the family to their home in Belmont.

"We have been hosting probably for the past ten years," Costabile said. "It just became a lot easier because your day pretty much revolves around the football game. I would assume that a lot of football families are a lot like ours where they eat a lot later than other families."

That is at least partially because along with the game itself, there is plenty of work to be done on Thanksgiving long after the game is over. While the spectators might head right home for dinner after the game, that is not the case for Costabile and his fellow coaches.

"If you are fortunate enough to have a playoff game after Thanksgiving, the players leave a little early, but if you are not fortunate enough to be playing again, you are collecting equipment and doing things like that. The kids are turning in their game jerseys and their helmets and that is a special experience in itself. And then you are saying goodbye, and that is quite an emotional experience."

Regardless if there is a game, Costabile does always contribute to the holiday meal for his Italian family, and this year will be no different. But this year he will just have a little more time to prepare his specialty.

"I have one holiday job on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and that is to make the antipasto and get out of the way," Costabile joked. "They don't want me hanging around the kitchen any longer than I have to."

As much as Costabile is looking forward to extra holiday time with his family, he knows there will be something missing come Thursday morning.

"There is a big void and there has been all season, and the coaches talk about it," Costabile said. "The kids missed out on a lot of things. Around Labor Day they get that feeling of accomplishment for having survived camp, and then you go through the season together and there are so many great experiences there too. But it really hits at this time of year what we are missing out on. It is one of those landmark times during the season, and like I said, it is irreplaceable."

"The kids are always anxious to get there and they start arriving early. The music is blaring and it is just a great atmosphere for a player and that is why they will never forget it," Costabile said. "The Thanksgiving experience for a student athlete is very unique compared to anything else you will ever do. It is unique and irreplaceable,



Back in 2015, Shawsheen Tech Football Coach Al Costabile and his three captains from left, Alex Regan of Tewksbury, John Schiavo of Billerica and Alex Tate of Tewksbury, celebrate with the Collins Cup trophy after defeating Greater Lowell once again.

Ranking the top five Shawsheen Tech games over the last 20 years

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BILLERICA - Over the past couple of seasons, the Shawsheen Tech Football team has seen a revolving door of Thanksgiving Day opponents, facing Austin Prep in 2018 and Arlington Catholic in 2019. If there had been a Thanksgiving Day game this season, the Rams would have traveled to Arlington Catholic to hopefully continue what they hope will be a great Thanksgiving rivalry for many years to come.

But prior to 2018, the Rams were already part of a great Thanksgiving tradition, as they had squared off against CAC rival Greater Lowell for the past 25 years, competing for the Collins Cup, named after former Greater Lowell Superintendent of Schools, William J. Collins.

While the later years of the rivalry were completely dominated by Shawsheen, with the Rams winning 17 straight games before Greater Lowell opted out of after the 2017 season, the early years of the rivalry were very competitive, with the teams splitting the first eight games from 1993-2000. Even many of the games in the early part of Shawsheen's winning streak were exciting, hard fought games.

Shawsheen really started to dominate the series beginning in 2010 with a 35-0 rout of the Gryphons, on their way to a Division 4 Super Bowl title. Including that game, the Rams outscored the Gryphons 251-57 over that span. Prior to that, there were plenty of great games along the way.

With no Thanksgiving Day game this season, we thought it would fun to look back at some of the greatest games in the history of the rivalry since I started covering the Rams in 2000. Let's hope that next year at this time, readers of the Town Crier will be reading a Thanksgiving game preview, and eagerly anticipating the Rams taking the field against Arlington Catholic. Until then, enjoy this look back at some of the best games of the Shawsheen-Greater Lowell rivalry.

#5 2015

Shawsheen 35, Gr. Lowell 7

This one was obviously not a great game in terms of competitiveness, but it stands out for just how dominant the Rams were in a game that was sup-

posed to be very competitive, with it being one of the few times in recent year that the Gryphons brought a better record into Thanksgiving than the Rams.

Shawsheen came into to game with a record of 5-5, having bounced back from records of 0-2 and 3-5 at various points in the season, while Greater Lowell came in at 7-3, having advanced all the way to the Division 5 North sectional final a couple of weeks earlier.

But Thanksgiving morning was more off the same, as senior quarterback Alex Tate threw for 268 yards and five touchdowns, three of them to senior wide receiver Andy Diranian, who hauled in five catches for 126 yards to help the Rams retain the Collins Cup for another year.

Facing a fired up Greater Lowell squad, eager to put years of losses in the rivalry behind them, the Rams established their dominance early on. After the teams traded scoreless possessions to start the game, the Rams took a 7-0 lead with 4:05 left in the first quarter when Tate hooked up with Diranian for their first score of the game on a 15-yard scoring strike for a 7-0 lead.

The Rams never looked back from they took a 28-0 halftime lead with Tate throwing another touchdown pass to Diranian as well scoring passes to Sam Baker and David Lindsey of Tewksbury.

Tate would cap his day with one more touchdown pass to Diranian, this one from 14 yards out late in the third quarter to make the score 35-0 before Greater Lowell responded with a fourth quarter touchdown.

#4 2002

Shawsheen 21, Gr. Lowell 14

This game was a perfect example of what coaches and others are talking about when they say that you can throw out the records on Thanksgiving Day, because it is a season in itself.

Unlike a couple of years earlier when a league title and a Super Bowl berth were at stake, both teams brought just a 2-7 record into this turkey day clash, but you never would have known it by the way the teams battled in a game that wasn't decided until the Rams, who overcame a 14-7 halftime deficit, broke up a last ditch pass into the end zone by the Gryphons as time expired.

Which isn't to say that

game was necessarily a work of art, as bitter cold weather as well as a snow and ice covered Cassidy Field helped contribute to seven fumbles for each team, with each team losing five of them. But the biggest fumble recovery of all came from Shawsheen's Shawn Turner, who pounced on a loose ball at the Gryphons 20-yard line late in the third quarter with the score tied 14-14.

Three plays later, Shawsheen quarterback Mike Gore threw his third touchdown pass of the game, connecting with senior tight end Joe Whitney in the corner of the end zone for what would prove to be the game winning score. It was Whitney's first reception of the season, and it could not have come at a better time.

Greater Lowell did have one more chance however, conjuring up nightmares of the dramatic finish in 2000 (see #3 below), as they blocked a Rams punt with 2:00 left in the game to give them a first down at midfield. Once again, they marched down to the three-yard line of the same end zone where they had kicked the game winning field goal two years earlier. But this time they needed a touchdown and not a field goal, and on the final play of the game, a pass sailed just out of the reach of the Gryphons receivers hands, sealing the dramatic win for the Rams.

Gore was 6-for-10 on the day for just 84 yards, but more importantly he threw three touchdown passes and he did not turn the ball over despite the tough weather conditions. He threw touchdown passes of 28 yards to Tewksbury native Scott Johnson in the first half and ten yards to game MVP Jamie Martinez in the third quarter before his game winning strike to Whitney later in the third. Along with his touchdown, Martinez earned his MVP award on defense, with ten tackles to go along with a fumble recovery.

#3 2000

Gr. Lowell 30, Shawsheen 28

While this one ended up in the loss column for the Rams, there is no denying that this was one of the best games in the history of this one-sided rivalry. It was also the last time the Gryphons would win on Thanksgiving before opting out of the rivalry after the 2017 season.

With three lead changes

in the final three minutes of the game, including a game winning field goal as time expired, this would have been a great game under any circumstances. What made this one stand out even more were the stakes, as the winner would not only take home the CAC title, but would also secure a spot in the Division 5 Super Bowl.

The Rams led 21-12 at the end of three quarters and still led 21-19 late in the fourth quarter before Greater Lowell's Miguel Rivera Miguel Rivera, (234 yards, 4 touchdowns) scored on a 26-yard run to give the Gryphons a 27-21 lead with 2:46 remaining after the two point conversion.

Shawsheen was stopped on their next possession and when Greater Lowell took over with 1:39 left, it appeared all hope was lost. Moments later a great play by Shawsheen defensive back Mike Stubbs, who stole the ball from Rivera, gave the Rams the ball at the Gryphon 40-yard line. Three plays later, senior quarterback Derek McLaren connected with James Fallica in the corner of the end zone with 39 seconds left, and when Charlie Ward nailed the extra point, the Rams appeared to be Super Bowl bound.

A 44-yard reception by Jay Blake, along with a couple of running plays, gave the Gryphons the ball at the Rams three-yard line with one second left, and Blake came on to nail the game winning 20-yard field goal as time expired to put the Gryphons in the Super Bowl where they routed East Boston 45-18.

#2 2003

Shawsheen 12, Gr. Lowell 6

While there have been some high scoring shootouts in this series, 2003 most certainly did not fall into that category. But despite a lack of many offensive fireworks, the game also certainly didn't lack for excitement, as two outstanding defenses made the offenses fight for every yard, while a stop deep in their own territory by the Rams late in the fourth quarter ultimately led to the Shawsheen victory.

This one had a great local flavor, as several Tewksbury and Wilmington players helped lead the Rams to the win, including junior quarterback Chris Holak

RAMS B11W



Last Wednesday night, six members of the WHS Girls Basketball team along with head coach Jess Robinson volunteered at 'The Movement Family'. The group includes from left, Kiara Nadeau, Kylie DuCharme, Olivia Spizuoco, Jenna Sweeney, Kayla Smith, Jess Collins, Coach Jess Robinson and Michael Gorman, the founder of The Movement Family. (courtesy photo).

Six Hoop players volunteer at 'The Movement Family'

Six members of the Wilmington High School Girls Basketball program, along with head coach Jessica Robinson, volunteered at 'The Movement Family' Wednesday night dinner for the homeless.

On an exceptionally cold evening, Kiara Nadeau, Kylie DuCharme, Olivia Spizuoco, Jenna Sweeney, Kayla Smith, Jess Collins along with Coach

Robinson, spent time helping sort and organize donated winter clothes, assisted with the sign-in table and socialized with volunteers and members.

"The Movement Family holds a weekly dinner every Wednesday night in Lawrence. It's a buffet style meal. There's many volunteer tables available such as Tewksbury Detox, Veterans Outreach,

Donations Table, Books Table, Board Games, Haircuts etc. The Goal of TMF is to build relationships, and believe in the members, so that they begin to believe in themselves again."

Certainly the girls from WHS were able to do that. "I think giving back -- especially during the holiday season -- is really important," said

Robinson. "When I brought up the opportunity to be involved with The Movement Family, the girls eagerly jumped right on board, excited to help out. That says a lot about the character and heart of these kids. We look forward to continued work helping out members of The Movement Family."

-- JAMIE POTE --

Donoghue couldn't pass up this opportunity

FROM B5W

learned from the beginning of this game is that you have to learn how to do everything. In any second, anything can change, so it's really about being well-rounded, having that confidence and wanting to do anything to help the team."

Donoghue follows Doug Anderson (1982-1993), Mike Nee (1994-1999), Mark Staffier (2000-2009), Meghan Sheehy (2010-15) and Shainwald (2016-'19).

Anderson started the program and had several successful seasons and state tournament appearances, including a 12-win mark and state tournament loss to Lynnfield in '84.

Nee's best season was 1997 when he led the 'Cats to their best season in program history, an 18-3 record, a North Shore League Championship title and a trip to the Division 3 sectional semi-finals.

Staffier followed with what's believed to be an 77-108 record, with four straight tournament appearances from 2001-'04, including reaching the Division 3 North Sectional semi-finals in '02 and '04. Sheehy followed with a 37-83 record over six seasons and Shainwald was 32-48 in his four years.

The last state tournament appearance came in 2004, when the 'Cats were defeated by Lynnfield. Since then the team had 8 or 9 win seasons (missing out on the state tournament by one or two wins) six times, including Shainwald leading the program to records of 7-13, 9-11, 8-12 and 8-12.

With a combined record of 96-181 and no state tournament appearances since that '04 loss, Donoghue knows she has a lot of work to do but has an outlined plan.

"I like to focus a lot on the development of the game and the sport's skills set. I think it's very important to develop players as early on as we can," she offered. "I would like to get a youth program started here in town. It's something that I have seen through my years with club, that really makes a difference with players once they get to high school."

"I know where there's no youth development, and you have a girl walk through the doors for the first time never playing the sport, it can be intimidating. When you're play-

ing other cities and towns where the players do have that youth background, it can be overwhelming and defeating. I believe that building from the ground up in terms of focusing on that youth and even focusing on the Freshmen and JV teams is really important. Just giving them that confidence that they need and knowledge about the sport."

"I know it may take some time absolutely (to build success in terms of wins and losses)," she continued. "I want to make sure that the girls have the resources in terms of taking it serious and obviously that starts with the coach that believes in them and believes in the program and bringing that energy from within because there's a lot of potential here."

"I have actually coached girls who have been within the Wilmington High School program throughout the years. It's just been a few but having them play club volleyball means they are serious. I think that camaraderie and the emphasis of development is important."

Donoghue stopped coaching at the club level because she got engaged to her high school sweetheart Bobby Donoghue, who is the offensive line coach on the WHS Football team. On top of that, the couple were in five weddings each. After that break, she got the itch last year to return and saw that Wilmington had an opening at the sub-varsity level.

"Last year (Bruce Shainwald) was looking for a JV coach so I ended up exchanging a bunch of emails with him," she said. "It just wasn't going to work out with their practice schedule and my work schedule wasn't as flexible at the time. When I saw this varsity position open, I figured I would give it a shot. I knew that there was a new Athletic Director, so overall it just sparked my interest."

Donoghue added that currently there's no JV or Freshmen Coaches. She and Muzio are hoping to fill those vacancies soon.

"I am very hands-on and very big into development so having girls play at the younger level it's key to having a Freshman Coach who is focused on the same goals and that's really important," she said.

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FROM B10W

of Tewksbury, who threw the game winning 30-yard touchdown pass to fellow Tewksbury native Scott Johnson with just 54 seconds left in the game to snap a 6-6 tie.

Moments earlier, it looked like Greater Lowell would be going in for the game winning score, as they had a first and goal at the Rams three-yard line. But an illegal procedure penalty as well as some great gang tackling by the Rams stopped the Gryphons at the four-yard line where Holak took over and led his team to the winning score.

Junior running back Kyle Marzeoti (27 carries, 167 yards) did a lot of the damage on the drive, with 38 yards rushing, but the biggest play of the drive, other than the touchdown of course, came on an 11-yard pass from Holak to senior wide receiver Joe Esposito of Wilmington on a third-and-11 play to give the Rams a first down at midfield. Two plays later, Holak connected with Johnson for the game winning score.

Greater Lowell had one more chance, driving to the Rams 30-yard line in the closing seconds, but Esposito got the job done on defense as well squelching the threat with a sack of Greater Lowell

quarterback Matt Fuller as time expired.

The win wrapped up a successful turnaround season for the Rams, who had gone 3-7 the year before and had started this season 0-2 before turning it on over the second half of the season.

#1 2004

Shawsheen 31, Gr. Lowell 20

While there have been bigger wins for the Rams in recent years, including a Super Bowl championship in 2010, at the time this was one of the biggest wins in the history of the Shawsheen football program. The come from behind win over the Gryphons not only clinched a tie for the CAC championship along with Tyngsboro, but it also secured a spot in the first ever Large School State Vocational championship game, the Rams first playoff game since a 1978 Super Bowl loss to Concord-Carlisle.

With the win, the Rams finished the regular season with a record of 9-2, which at the time tied the program record for most wins in a season. That record was of course eventually surpassed by the Super Bowl champs of 2010 which won 11 games.

As for the game itself, while the final score looks like a comfortable win for the Rams, it was actually anything but, as the Greater Lowell had taken a 20-19 lead with 8:41 left in the game when Gryphons running back Josh Rosado had scored on a 26-yard run and then also ran in the two point conversion.

The Greater Lowell lead was extremely short lived, as Rams superstar running back Kyle Marzeoti returned the ensuing kickoff 76 yards for a touchdown to once again put the Rams on top, by a score of 25-20 after the failed extra point attempt.

Before Greater Lowell could think about answering with a score of their own, the Rams special teams made another big play, this one coming from Tom Warford of Wilmington, who recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff to give the Rams the ball at the Gryphon 30-yard line. It took the Rams just three plays to score from there, with senior quarterback Chris Holak connecting with fellow Tewksbury resident Pat Connor for a 29-yard pass down to the one-yard line, before Marzeoti pounded it in from there for his fourth touchdown of the day and

his 22nd of the season with 7:30 left.

Along with clinching the league title for themselves, the win also denied Greater Lowell a share of the league title as well as a playoff spot, a small measure of revenge for the dramatic loss in 2000 that had denied the Rams a Super Bowl berth.

The Rams would go on to lose to Bay Path in the Vocational Bowl, but a new era of dominance had begun in the rivalry, as the Rams would go on to win by 14 points or more over the next six Thanksgiving matchups, with an average score of 30-7 over that span.

Coach Turner and his family preparing a fun holiday together

FROM B4W

coach. Missing out on sharing this special day with his brother and father might be the most difficult part of this year's Thanksgiving for Craig.

"It will be very difficult not seeing them. I think I have spent every Thanksgiving Day with my dad, either on the sidelines or in the stands, since I was five years old," Turner said. "We would always go to the Shawsheen Tech games together."

"To be honest, this fall

has been easier to get through without football than I thought it would be, but thinking about this week and missing out on Thanksgiving has been very hard."

Turner has also been thinking about his players, particularly his seniors, who will be missing out on playing on Thanksgiving Day.

"I have especially been thinking about them, because of what they are missing out on," Turner said. "Hopefully they will get to play in the Fall II

season, but regardless of what happens, nothing can replicate the Thanksgiving Day experience. They will still get that experience of playing that last game as senior with their friends, but it won't be what they should have had on Thanksgiving and that is the heartbreaking thing."

"I am not naïve to think that a lot of people haven't missed out on a lot more important things, but as a football guy, I have to say that I am sad for the kids missing out on this."



Hannah Watson signs on with Stonehill

In last week's edition, there was a story about the local athletes who signed their National Letter of Intent to play sports at either a Division 1 or Division 2 college.

Of the locals, Hannah Watson was incorrectly named Hannah Wilson, and also residency was also incorrectly reported. Watson, a senior defend-

er on the Central Catholic girls' soccer team, resides in Wilmington and will be attending Stonehill College.

Last month, she gave her verbal commitment and spoke to the Town Crier's Mike Ippolito about that decision.

"I had a visit from the coach (Alex Wilson) about a month ago and that just

sealed it for me. I love her already, even though I have not played for her yet. She is just so positive and that is just what I am looking for," Watson said. "Stonehill really has everything I want, between its location, its sports and academics. It is really just amazing."

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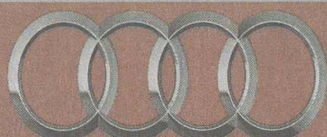
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